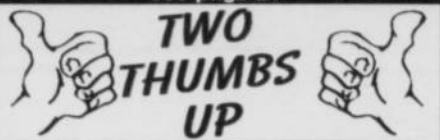


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Many locals feeling a little anxious over hospital decision

By Nicole Smith

A number of key players in the whole Didsbury hospital issue are feeling a little concern about Health Authority 5's recent decision to keep all emergency and acute care services at the Didsbury hospital.

Bill Cowan, a member of the newly formed Didsbury and District Health Care Services Advisory Board, says he's being cautious about the whole deal.

"My first reaction is caution," Cowan said of the HA5 announcement a week ago. "We don't want to get too complacent about it. I'm concerned about the future and we have to continue our efforts."

Cowan says he's not particularly happy about how the situation was handled.

"Personally, I feel there was a lot of discussion that went on that we were not privy to and I'm not happy about that," he said.

"If we had not been alerted about the situation and had not approached it the way we did, we would not be sitting where we are now."

Cowan is happy that the HA5 finally changed their minds, but "it should never have come to that."

George Pieper, a local who was very vocal in the whole situation, is warning people not to sit back and relax yet.

"In my opinion, this is not a good time for the community to relax because the agenda from

Edmonton has not changed," he said.

"This is just a temporary relief for now."

Pieper is pleased, though, that the authority did change their minds.

"Nevertheless, this is good that these services are staying open. These are services that are essential to our community."

Pieper warns, "privatization has not gone away, though."

Dorothy Moore, another member of the advisory board, is taking a positive approach to the whole ordeal.

"Utilization is the key," she said.

"If we use our doctors and our hospital, they will not have a case for continuing down this road. We've got to use it or we'll lose it."

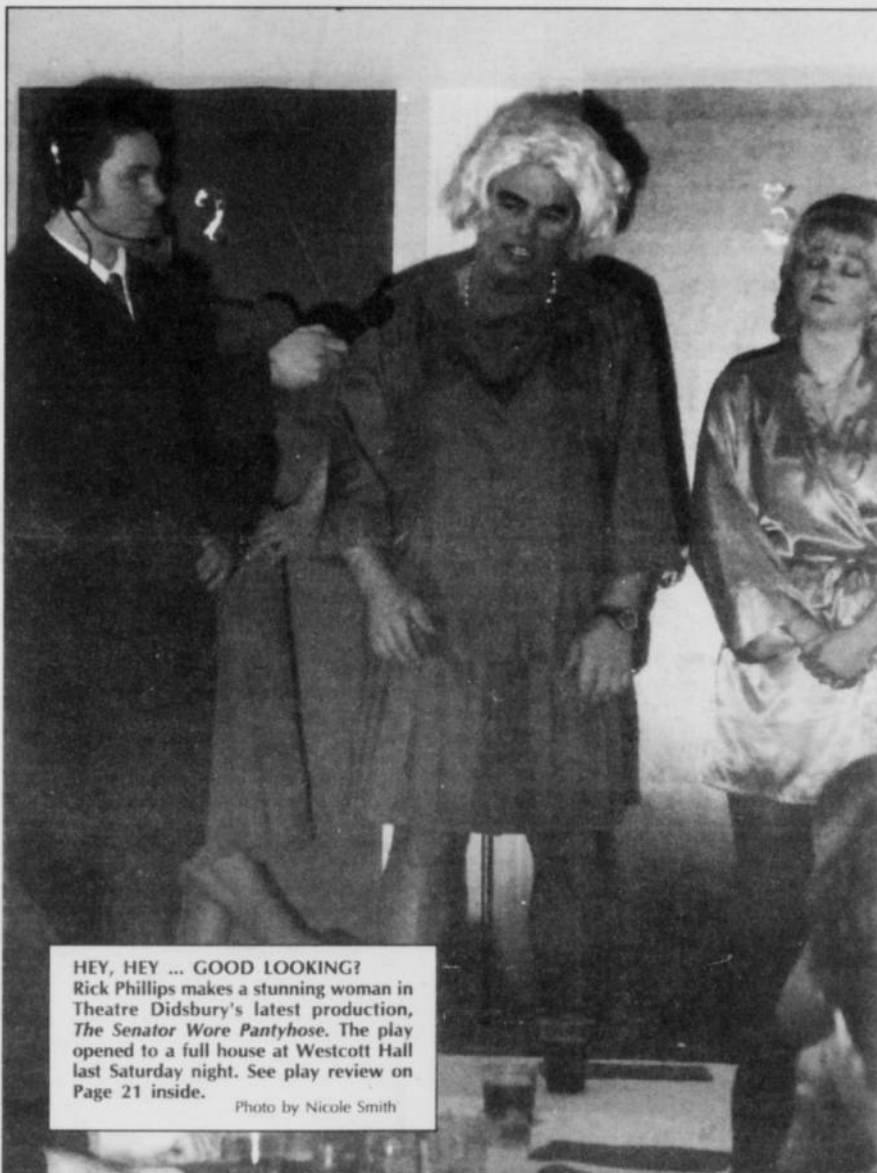
Moore feels a lot of pride towards Didsbury and its surrounding areas.

"When a community works together the way ours did, we can't lose," Moore said.

Moore says that we should be thankful to the key players in this drama.

"We owe a debt of thanks to Richard Marz and our hospital board members," she said.

Moore reminds Didsburians that the advisory board is still intact and that it will be preparing and submitting a proposal to HA5 about the future of the Didsbury hospital. If anyone has any input for the proposal, they should contact a board member.



HEY, HEY ... GOOD LOOKING?
Rick Phillips makes a stunning woman in Theatre Didsbury's latest production, *The Senator Wore Pantyhose*. The play opened to a full house at Westcott Hall last Saturday night. See play review on Page 21 inside.

Photo by Nicole Smith

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**HOLY SNOW!**

Didsbury and area was hit with quite a dump of snow last week, when almost a foot fell overnight. Snow shovels and windshield scrapers could be seen in abundance all over town.

Photos by Nicole Smith



Alberta's new economic strategy "right on track" says the provincial government

The Government of Alberta is showing strong leadership with its new economic strategy, Get Ready Alberta: Strengthening the Alberta Advantage, says Alberta Economic Development Authority (AEDA) chair Doug Mitchell.

"In AEDA's progress report on the strategy Building on the Alberta Advantage, we pointed out Alberta needed to keep pace with global trends to enjoy continued prosperity and growth," Mitchell said.

"This strategy recognizes that need, and calls for significant activity in the areas of research and development investment, education, infrastructure and the use of technology as a springboard for expansion in all sectors.

"We are hoping that the government would establish a clear vision for the future, and it has done so. The government has also attached aggressive, but achievable, targets for employment, export and research investment growth. By committing to those targets, the province has created a strong call to action for government ministries and Alberta business," he added.

"They are right on track with this plan."

Mitchell noted the Alberta Government has already begun to take action on many of the strategies in "Get Ready Alberta", through initiatives such as the estab-

lishment of the \$500 million Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research.

"It is this type of government leadership and partnership with business that will keep leaders in science and technology in Alberta, attract leading scientists to the province and expand development of our economy," he said.

"Many of the strategies in this document respond to other key recommendations presented in our December progress report," Mitchell added.

"They address the need for a new aviation strategy, for

developing and promoting international trade and market opportunities, and for ensuring Alberta has the infrastructure to compete in the global markets. And they recognize the importance quality of life can have in economic decision-making."

AEDA is the voice of business people working with the government to build the very best future for Alberta and is made up of representatives from the private sector.

AEDA helps shape policies and strategies that are good for the economy by providing the government with advice on business and economic development issues.

The Didsbury Thrift Store Committee is inviting applications for funds available for community projects and events with a preference to those which are youth oriented. Applications are available at the town office or Zion Evangelical Missionary Church. Those interested should submit your completed application to the church office before month's end.

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Twinning of two Didsburys moving right along

By Nicole Smith

The proposed idea of twinning the two towns of Didsbury, Alberta and Didsbury, Manchester is progressing along nicely.

The Didsbury Twinning Committee held its second meeting last Tuesday evening, with many local business people in attendance to support the idea.

Also in attendance was Lou Sopit, the mayor of Rocky Mountain House, and his wife Doris.

Sopit, along with his council, have recently twinned their town with Kamikawa Hokkaido, Japan, so he visited the committee to discuss the procedure.

JoAnn Parliament, chair of the committee, says that Sopit's visit was very informative.

"They were very keen and really encouraged us to go forward with this," she said.

Sopit discussed various issues of the twinning process and says that twinning two towns must be done on three grounds: friendship, culture and education. He says that once those three issues are covered, the process is very easy.

"Like any relationship, twinning takes time to develop," Parliament said.

Parliament says that a number of ideas were discussed concerning the process at our local level.

Many committee members brought forward good ideas of how to begin the process. Some of the proposed ideas were having school involvement in the process, having the Chamber of Commerce host a gathering, having a Museum exchange, and starting up an e-mail pen pal program.

The committee is applying for a federal millennium grant on the basis of the two towns eventually twinning.

If this project is approved by the government, the committee could receive one-third of their expenses under the grant.

Parliament says that the grant application will be sent off by the end of this week, but that it will be a while before the committee hears back from the federal government about it.

Parliament is pleased with the amount of interest that has been taken by many locals concerning this project.

"This project can't just be spearheaded by council," she said. "We really have to have interest from the public as well."

The committee's next meeting will be on Feb. 22.

Lease almost in place on horse barns

By Nicole Smith

After months and months of negotiations, a lease on the old horse barns is almost in place.

At the Feb. 2 meeting of the Didsbury Town Council, a lease was approved that both sides of the equation are happy with.

In the past, the Didsbury and District Lighthouse Association, along with the Didsbury Ag Society, were feeling some concern with the Town that the lease they were offering wasn't for a long enough period of time.

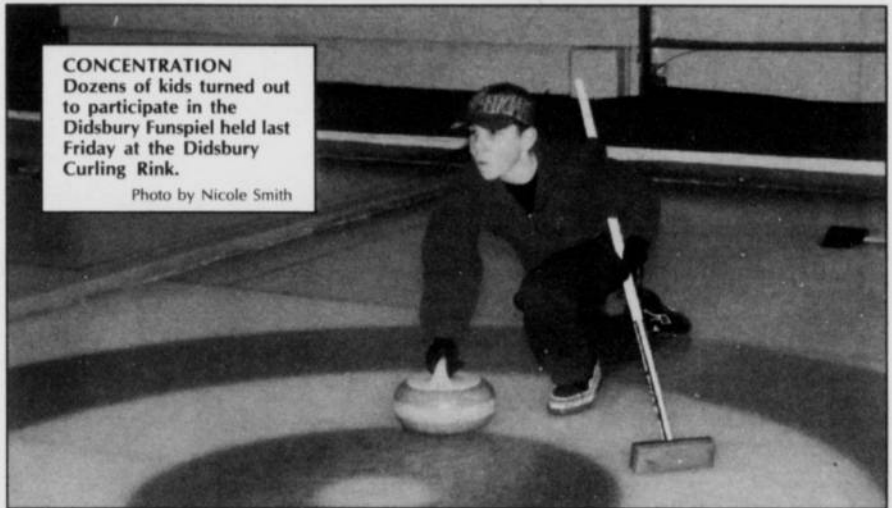
The two groups need the lease over three to five years, because it will take that long for them to complete the new Livestock Complex they started on a couple years ago.

The Town was feeling some concern because the old barns aren't in that good of shape and some upgrades need to be done on them. They wanted a lease in place on the buildings so that insurance could be put on them.

The Lighthouse Association has agreed to do the renovations necessary to keep the barns safe and the Town has now agreed to allow the association to lease the barns for the number of years requested.

Both sides of the story are pleased that this issue has been settled and that the solution is acceptable to everyone.

The old horse barns are located by the Didsbury Memorial Complex.



CONCENTRATION
Dozens of kids turned out to participate in the Didsbury Funspiel held last Friday at the Didsbury Curling Rink.

Photo by Nicole Smith

Investigation into Didsbury youth initiatives begins

By Nicole Smith

Many members of the community have been feeling some concern about the youth situation in town for quite some time.

The issue of exploring youth activities and projects in Didsbury has been on the back burner for some years now, but is back into the lime-light at a town council meeting a few months ago.

Council had a motion on the table about what to do with the gazebo.

They were upset because of all the vandalism that kept on occurring at the gazebo, and were wanting to move it to a less central area of town.

Some councillors felt some concern for the local kids who used the gazebo as a hang-out, and were wondering what they could do to help them spend their time differently if the building were to be moved.

A decision was eventually made to remove the gazebo and

move it down to the hospital grounds, but council also passed a motion to further explore youth initiatives around Didsbury, in the hopes that the community's young people might have something to say about activities and projects that could be implemented.

Council handed the issue to the Community Services Advisory Board, who then contracted Edo Deweert to look into the youth situation in Didsbury.

Deweert started his quest on Jan. 3, and has since spent countless hours talking about Didsbury's situation with Didsbury's youth.

Deweert, who makes his home in Rimbey, says that he is still trying to gauge where the youth spend their time in town.

"I'm still kind of feeling my way around town," he said. "I'm trying to get the feel of the dynamics of youth and adults."

Since beginning his six-month contract with the Town of Didsbury, Deweert has spent time with the kids at the Didsbury

Outreach School, has talked to our local RCMP detachment, as well as talking to number of the businesses along Main Street.

The response that he has received back so far seems to be good and says that "there doesn't appear to be that big of a problem."

Some of the proposed ideas for youth activities in town include a skateboard park and a pool hall.

"I haven't gathered all my information yet," he said. "I'm still doing an awful lot of talking."

Deweert will be making a presentation to council at their next meeting, though, to let them know where he stands so far. He says that he will try and come up with some recommendations for council and then head into the community to meet with stakeholders.

Evan Parliament, CAO of the Town of Didsbury, is hopeful about this project and feels that Deweert will do a good job.

"He comes highly recommended," said Parliament. "He's very good at what he does and is very good with kids."

This is not the first project like this that Deweert has taken on. A while back, he spent a lot of time doing outreach work in Olds.

"It's a lot of fun," Deweert concluded. "This is really cool."



Edo Deweert

In the courts ...

By Dan Singleton

Drunk driver fined \$1,200

A 41-year-old man who drove while his blood alcohol level was more than two times the legal limit has been fined.

Ronald Keith May pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Monday to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

Court heard the accused was arrested shortly before 6 p.m. on May 30, 1999 after a special constable observed the man with a can of beer in a van in the Olds IGA parking lot.

Breathalyzer tests indicated the man's blood alcohol level was 180 and 170 mg per cent.

Crown prosecutor Shirley Jackson told Judge Frank Maloney that the accused has a previous 0.08 conviction dating from 1994.

Judge Maloney, citing the accused's record, said, "obviously you don't get the message that you can't drink and drive."

The judge fined the accused \$1,200 and prohibited him from driving for at least the next three months.

Sundre man not guilty

A Sundre man charged with drunk driving in Olds last May has been acquitted of all charges.

Bill V. Georgopoulos faced charges of impaired operation and driving with a blood alco-

hol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

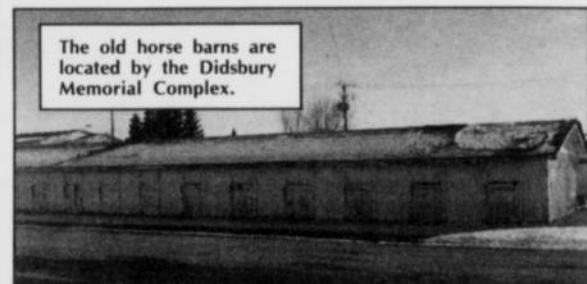
His trial was held before Judge Maloney on Monday.

Court heard the accused was arrested following a brief early-morning chase in Olds on May 16, during which time the accused went through a stop sign before pulling over.

Although the accused had been drinking, there was no evidence presented that he was impaired.

Judge Maloney found that the Crown failed to prove the allegations, acquitting the accused on the 0.08 charge and finding him not guilty on the impaired charge.

Following the verdict, the accused said he was pleased with the ruling.



OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Class act



Nicole
SMITH

Often people say that if we want to know what our future will be like, we just have to look to our children.

This being said, I don't think Didsbury has anything to worry about.

Last Tuesday afternoon I had the pleasure of spending some time with the Grade 7 class at Westglen School.

One of the teachers had asked me to speak to the class about my job, about issues that are

affecting our community and about a writing contest that the Review is sponsoring.

I'll admit that I was rather nervous about talking to this group of kids, but not for the obvious reason. It wasn't because of the public speaking aspect of it as many would think, but more that I was worried about how I was going to keep this group of over 30 students interested for an hour.

Well, was I ever worried for nothing.

After I explained a bit about what I do during the course of a news week we got talking about some local issues.

The class and I talked about things like drug abuse, drunk driving, the Didsbury Hospital and youth initiatives around town.

I must say, I have never spent time with such an insightful, inquisitive and sharp group of young people before. These kids asked some of the best questions I have ever heard and were truly interested in what was going on around town.

I was truly a fulfilling experience for me to converse with a group of young minds that have yet to be tainted by the world we live in. The freshness and honesty that they expressed through their questions and conversation was wonderful.

After my presentation to them, which ended up lasting over an hour and a half, one sweet young girl approached me about the newspaper.

She said, "I always used to think the Didsbury Review was kind of blah, but after you talked to us about it, I really want to subscribe."

What a great feeling that was for me, knowing that I had made some impact on them about news coverage in our town.

In the next couple of months, you will see editorials, such as this, that have been written by a number of these children. This is my chance to let them have a voice about things that are going on around town.

I am truly looking forward to what they have to say. If only half of what we talked about comes across in their articles, then Didsbury, you are in for a real treat.

To the Grade 7 class at Westglen I say, thank you for making the time I spent with you such an enjoyable experience.

I appreciate the honesty and interest that you expressed during my presentation and hope that your interest in our community continues.

To Didsburians I say, have no worries about what our town will become in the next decade. People often worry about what the upcoming generations have to offer life in a small town.

This group of young people has shown me that they only need be given a chance to speak their minds, and when they are, what they have to say is truly a treasure.

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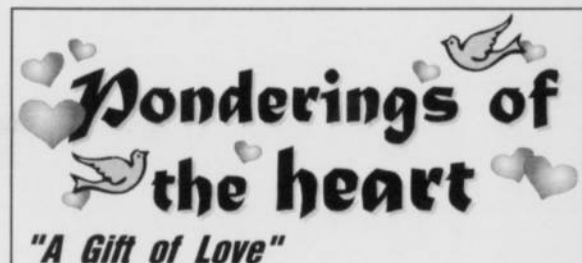
By-law 94-19:

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By Margaret Fradley

There is a legend which tells of a man who was wandering in the desert, when he came across a spring with crystal clear water. It was so refreshing, that after taking a drink, he decided to bring some of this pure water to his king.

He filled a leather bottle with the water, and carried it for many days in the hot sun, before reaching the palace.

When he placed the water at the feet of the king, it had become stale from the heat and being so long in an old container.

The king, however, did not let on to his servant that it was totally unfit to drink, but tasted it, and thanked his servant profusely.

After the servant had gone, others tasted the water and were amazed the king had pretended to enjoy it.

"Oh," said the king. "It wasn't the water I tasted, but the love in the gift."

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Mayor's comments taken out of context

Dear Editor,

Mayor Ray Lea - Rebuttal to *Calgary Herald* article on February 12, 2000.

• Mayor Ray Lea, at no time, said he supported a private hospital in Didsbury.

• Mayor Ray Lea, at no time, made mention that the Didsbury hospital is underutilized. In fact, he is very optimistic that a long-term plan will increase patient visitations.

• Mayor Lea did say that options are available in offering the private sector access to the operating theatres by way of leasing the facilities.

• Mayor Lea did say that RHA #5 should explore all options that enhance viability of the hospital.

• Mayor Lea did say that he has been contacted by specialists who have expressed interest in obtaining privileges in performing elective surgery at the Didsbury hospital.

• In conclusion, the writer took Mayor Lea's comments entirely out of context and it is unfortunate that this rebuttal is necessary. Mayor Lea wishes to ensure the public that the RHA #5 announcement to keep our acute care facility open is welcome news to Didsbury and area residents.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ray Lea
Town of Didsbury

Marz pleased with residents efforts

Dear Editor,

I am very pleased that the many diligent efforts of the people of Didsbury, Carstairs, Cremona, Watervally, Olds and Crossfield have had their message heard by the Minister of Health & Wellness, and finally by the RHA #5 Board to have the Didsbury Hospital retain acute care and emergency services.

Well over 1100 people contacted my office, via mail, telephone, fax, e-mail and private meetings.

I have made every effort to make myself available to individuals of the community who have expressed their concerns with rumoured / proposed changes to the hospital; have met with RHA #5 to discuss community concerns, and encouraged more open dialogue with the community; have arranged meeting with the Minister of Health & Wellness for local representatives and myself; have met with Rosebud Foundation to hear their concerns invited the Minister of Health and Wellness to tour the Didsbury and Olds Hospitals along with local representative to hear their concerns; met with Premier Klein to update him on the concerns of the community; met with



Richard
MARZ
MLA

Mayors, Reeve, Doctors, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of RHA #5 to discuss proposal and community concerns; attend a public meeting in Didsbury.

This has been a very intense time for everyone involved and while I am pleased with the decision made by RHA #5 and it is important that a resolution was found which will enable the board to reflect upon the way they have functioned in the past and have the opportunity to make improvements. The Minister of Health & Wellness, Halvar Jonson, has assured me they will be available to the board to assist them in every way. I will also continue to work with constituents, hospital staff, RHA #5 Board and Alberta Health & Wellness to assure quality health care remains in all areas of the constituency.

Thanks again for sharing your concerns, I know it is an issue of major importance to the community and I will continue to work towards its preservation. Your efforts really helped to make a difference!

Sincerely,
Richard Marz,
MLA

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Your tax dollars at waste

Repeatedly this past fall, Reform Members of Parliament questioned the Minister of Human Resources Development (HRD) regarding the number of grants and contributions going to her riding of Brant, Ontario. In typical "don't worry be happy" Liberal fashion, Minister Jane Stewart emphatically defended those grants and denied that there were any problems with the program within her department. Last month, research conducted by the Official Opposition and an internal audit proved the Minister wrong.

A 68-page list obtained by Reform Researchers showed that \$10 million per year was poured into Minister Stewart's riding under 15 different HRDC programs. About 200 businesses and 50 non-profit organizations received grants every year, many receiving multiple grants, and many more year-over-year grants. Funding

was given to support initiatives like bingo, hairstyling, yoga therapy, a tavern, theatre groups, prison art, art galleries, the Bank of Montreal, and animal hospitals.

Most of the grants apparently, were for wage subsidies to "create jobs" under the assumption that the money was needed. However, according to the 1996 census, the unemployment rate in Ms. Stewart's riding was 8.4% and since then it has been dropping. In 1998 it was 6.5% and in 1999, 6%. Despite these lower than national levels of unemployment, every year millions of dollars supposedly earmarked for unemployed Canadians, are flowing into the riding of Brant.

Last month, a widely publicized internal HRD audit placed the Minister at the centre of controversy by revealing that \$1 billion in grants and contribution has not been properly accounted for. Among other things, the au-

dit found that an unbelievable 97% of files reviewed showed no evidence that anyone had checked to see if recipients already owed money to HRDC. There was no sign of financial monitoring on eight out of ten files and 87% showed no evidence of supervision. A quarter had no descriptions of the activities to be supported, 11% had no budget proposal or description of expected results and more incredibly, 15% did not even have an application from the sponsor on file.

To date, the Minister of Human Resources refuses to accept any responsibility for this administrative nightmare. The blame for this irresponsible spending has been unfairly placed solely on the shoulders of her bureaucrats. It is time Minister Stewart stand up and take responsibility for this unprecedented boondoggle, and stop hiding behind her mentor and friend the Prime Minister.

This one example of waste is only the tip of the iceberg, in practically every department a story like this exists. I only wonder how much longer taxpayers will take this?



Myron
THOMPSON

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If you would like your organization in this directory, please contact Alana Hagel at 335-3391.

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Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Notes from Nigeria

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria. They are working at a school in Jos, Nigeria for the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, and Dan is teaching Math and English, while Janet runs the library for the whole school. Both have been in the country periodically doing the mission work since the late 70s. The couple met while working in Nigeria and married in December 1995. Their latest excursion set out on May 15 last year and they will return to Didsbury in May of 2000 for a three month furlough. They will then return to Nigeria and will remain there until 2006. The Snyders send weekly letters to their family telling about their day to day experiences, and we at the Review believe it will be of interest to our readers.



Dear friends,

We are preparing for the middle school retreat next weekend. Trying to get food, water and everything else ready for 60 kids can be quite a chore.

We had arranged much of the food but realized that we were not getting many permission

slips back from kids. On Friday several of the students asked for their money back (approximately US \$2.00 to help cover the cost of food). They had decided not to go. It seems there are several other activities planned for middle schoolers the same weekend.

Dan went to the various classes and asked for a show of hands of those who were planning on going. We will have less than half of what we expected. It's a bit disappointing when you go to all the work to plan and prepare but we will have more time with each student that goes. The smaller group can be a very positive thing.

Sometimes we take God's protection of us for granted. We don't realize how much He does protect us until something happens to remind us of the dangers of traveling in this country.

A fellow missionary was traveling with a Nigerian co-worker to Abuja this week when his car was hijacked at gunpoint. They were taken out into the bush and robbed. We don't know all the details but their families didn't know where they were for at least a day. Their money, watches, even shoes were stolen.

Both men are back home and physically fine. Emotionally, they are still quite shaken. The Nigerian man is also feeling embarrassed that his countrymen would do such a thing.

We are thankful for their safe return.

Every once in awhile we will notice something that we would never see at home. It may be something so common here that we just take it for granted.

That happened this week in church. I noticed the big, blue plastic wash tub of water under the piano. The weather is so dry here right now that water is kept under the piano to keep it from drying out too much.

During the rainy season a light bulb is kept burning under the piano to keep it from getting too moist and molding.

We are beginning to plan our Home Ministry Assignment time. We will leave Nigeria at the end of April and spend May in Alberta and June in Ontario.

We would like to see as many of you as possible. Please let us know when we could meet with you. Joan Raugust in Calgary and Marilyn Schmidt in Ontario are helping to arrange our schedules, but if you could suggest a date for us to speak to your church or group, we will pass that on. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Dan & Janet

The consequence must be made clear for Canadians

Dear Editor,

The Clarity Act being rushed through Parliament comes into effect only after a provincial government has decided to hold a referendum.

It contains nothing that clearly states what the consequences will be for those considering separation.

Stating that ... secession "could consequently entail termination of citizenship and other rights", the present wording,

places citizenship rights in the "to be negotiated" category.

Separatists will continue to be able to say "Look, all we are asking for is the means of negotiating ... what have you to lose by voting Yes?"

Amend the word "could" to "would" and the choice becomes clear. This change can make the difference in the separatists' winning conditions" coming about. No provincial government, recognizing it can not get majority

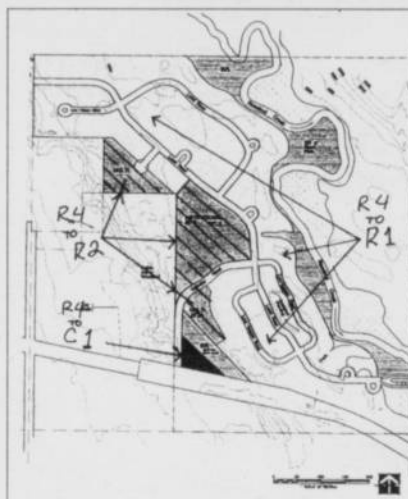
support, will call a referendum.

The Government must make this one word change from "could" to "would", for without it no change will have been made that comes into effect until after a referendum is called.

With it, what we all want may be achieved, a future with no more referendums on dividing Canada.

Sincerely,
Joe Hueglin
Niagara Falls, Ontario

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE BY-LAW 95-6



Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of By-laws to amend the present Land Use by-law 95-6 as follows:

1) That portion of land within plan SE 1/4-19-31-1 W5M be redesignated from R4 (Large Lot Residential) to R1 (Low Density Residential), R2 (General Residential) and C1 (Commercial) as per the attached map.

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed By-law will be held February 23, 2000, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office.

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the mayor, or his designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed By-law.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Land Use By-law amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office during regular office hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION of this notice: February 16, 2000

Robert Wigg
Planning and Development Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 98-08



Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of By-laws to amend the present Municipal Development Plan 98-08 as follows:

1) The parcel of land described as SE 1/4-19-31-1 W5M be amended to accommodate C1 (Commercial) within residential districts R1 (Low Density Residential) and R2 (General Residential) as per the attached map.

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FOCUS ON HEALTH CARE, THE ECONOMY, EDUCATION, TAXATION & AGRICULTURE

Report to Albertans

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA - WINTER 2000

New Century, Bold Plans for Alberta

Premier Ralph Klein's annual televised address launched clear plans to ensure Alberta's success in the new century. The Premier zeroed in on five key areas for the province:

- **Health Care:** Significant funding increases and innovative new programs will ensure access to quality, **publicly-funded health care** for all Albertans.
- **The Economy:** The province will continue to diversify its economy and create new jobs. A new economic strategy for the province will create jobs, encourage innovation and result in a **brain gain** for Alberta.
- **Education:** Education funding will **increase by 18%** over the next three years. The government's response to the Children's Forum recommendations will ensure that young Albertans have a healthy start and are ready to learn when they reach school.

- **Taxation:** Changes to Alberta's tax system will mean an **average 15% tax cut** for everyone, and no provincial taxes for low income Albertans.
- **Agriculture:** An Agriculture Summit will be held this spring so Albertans can talk about the long-term viability of the province's farm economy. The Alberta Government is committed to working with Alberta farmers facing low world commodity prices, poor weather and rising input costs. Safety nets for farmers in trouble and support for new products and markets are also on the agenda.

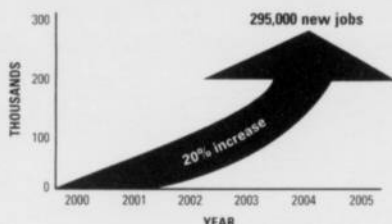
New Century BOLD PLANS

For a full copy of the Premier's address, call the toll free Alberta Connects comment line at 310-4455. To obtain the text of the address or to view an audio video version of the address on the Internet, go to www.gov.ab.ca/premier/address2000

Alberta's Economic Strategy Focuses on Jobs, Innovation

Alberta's new economic strategy, *Get Ready Alberta*, will give Alberta the tools it needs to succeed in the global marketplace. The plan's five-year goals include:

- creating **295,000 new jobs** by the year 2005;
- expanding on the province's knowledge-based economy;
- developing Alberta's reputation as a centre for scientists, researchers and highly skilled workers;
- giving all Albertans the opportunities they need to learn, adapt and develop new skills;
- enhancing opportunities for Alberta's children and youth;
- building on Alberta's international reputation as a good place to invest and do business; and
- ensuring that Albertans continue to enjoy the best quality of life in Canada.



More information about the strategy is available on the Internet at www.alberta-canada.com/getready by calling (780) 427-0670 (for toll free access, dial 310-0000); or by writing to Alberta Economic Development, Corporate Communications, 6th floor Commerce Place, 10155 - 102 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 4L6.

Tax Relief Puts \$600 Million Back in Albertan's Pockets

The Alberta Government is taking firm action on tax reform to make sure Alberta has the most competitive tax regime in Canada. Alberta's tax plan, when fully in place, will put more than \$600 million back into the pockets of Albertans each year. That means:

- **No 8% surtax** on incomes over \$46,000, as of January 1, 2000;
- The **provincial tax** on income will be **11%** for all Albertans, as of January 1, 2001;
- **Increased personal and spousal exemptions** increased, as of January 1, 2001;

- **An averaged tax break** of 15% for all Albertans; and
- **No provincial taxes** for some 132,000 lower income Albertans.

This latest phase of tax cuts builds on other actions introduced in Alberta since 1997, when Albertans saw a 1.5% reduction in the provincial tax rate, increases to basic and spousal exemptions and the introduction of the Alberta Family Employment credit. In addition to personal income tax cuts, the province has cut the education property tax mill rate by 2.6% as of January 1, 2000.

Alberta
Connects

Toll free: 310-4455 (Monday - Friday)
Internet: (Information/Comments) www.albertaconnects.gov.ab.ca
Mail: Government of Alberta, PO Box 1333, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2N2

Alberta
GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

Alberta's Six Point Health Care Plan

The Alberta Government's six point plan for health care clearly underlines the high priority Albertans place on effective and quality public health care services. The plan includes:

- 1 **\$1 billion in new funding** over the next three years to hire more doctors and nurses, shorten waiting lists, open more long term care beds and expand home care services
- 2 a new \$10 million **Health Innovation Fund** and a Health Services Utilization Commission to improve health system management
- 3 expanded telehealth services, **more high tech equipment** and community-based pilot projects to improve primary care and the quality of health services
- 4 increased health promotion and disease and accident prevention, including a **five year immunization strategy** and **better cancer screening programs**
- 5 a special **Premier's Advisory Council on Health** to foster new ideas and give advice on health care reform
- 6 clear legislation to **protect** Alberta's publicly-funded and publicly-administered health system and **prevent** a parallel, private health system from developing

The Facts on Health Care

- **One out of every three dollars** the Alberta Government spends on programs goes to public health care.



- For every dollar spent on health care in Alberta, the province **contributes 87 cents** while the federal government pays **less than 13 cents**.

For more information on the Alberta Government's six point plan for health care, call (780) 427-7164 (or call 310-0000 for toll free access). The plan is also available on the Internet at www.health.gov.ab.ca

\$500 Million Investment in Alberta's Future

The Alberta Government is **dedicating \$500 million** to create a legacy of innovation for our children and grandchildren. The money is being invested in a new endowment fund called the **Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research**. As provincial finances allow, funding could reach **\$1 billion** by Alberta's centennial in 2005.

This permanent endowment will help Alberta:

- attract investment from the private sector;
- recruit the best researchers from around the world;
- give young Albertans the opportunity to learn from some of the best minds in science; and
- encourage new discoveries and innovation in everything from farming and energy to health, the environment and information technology.

For more information on the endowment fund on the Internet, go to www.innovation.gov.ab.ca

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Hospital Auxiliary gearing up for another year



DONATION DOLLARS
Mary Devine, treasurer for the Hospital Auxiliary, presents Kim Andres with a \$1,000 donation to the Recreational Therapy sector of the hospital.

By Nicole Smith

More than two dozen ladies turned out for the Hospital Auxiliary Annual Meeting at

the 5-0 Club last Thursday afternoon.

The agenda was full with reports from many of the key

players in the auxiliary, as well as the presentation of the 1999 income and expenditures.

After the auxiliary's expenses

were covered and donations were made, the group came out with a \$441.86 surplus.

"We came out a little over expenses, but not a lot," said Treasurer Mary Devine.

"I guess that's the way it's supposed to be. We're not a money making organization."

A report was given on the Volunteer program by coordinator Dawna Faryna.

"We're off to a little of a slow start this year," she said.

According to Faryna, many of the volunteers from last year have moved on because they were getting too old.

So far this year, there are 14 teens logging in volunteer hours at the hospital.

"They really are excellent," Faryna said.

Annie Pringle spoke a bit about the Meals on Wheels program that the auxiliary runs.

"We had a really successful year," Pringle said.

The program received a grant of \$900 in 1999 to help cover the expenses of the many drivers who participate in the program.

"Special thanks to all the organizations that do the Meals on Wheels. It's definitely something that's needed in town," said acting chair Myra Underhay.

The group of ladies then listened intently as guest speaker, Kim Andres, spoke of the Recreational Therapy program at the hospital.

The highlight of the meeting was the annual donation that the auxiliary makes.

This year a \$1000 cheque was presented to Andres by Treasurer Mary Devine. This money will go towards kitchen renovations that the Rec Therapy program is in desperate need of.

The meeting came to an end with the Election of Officers for 2000. No changes were made from last year's group.

President - Ruth Sverdahl; Vice President - Mary Wilkins; Past President - Myra Underhay; Secretary - Annie Pringle; Treasurer - Mary Devine; Purchasing Committee - Ann Jepps, Gwladys Bogner and Ruth Sverdahl; Sick Convenor - Myra Underhay; Publicity - Mary Devine; Meals on Wheels schedule - Annie Pringle and Dot Kershaw; Tuck Cart - Annie Pringle; Birthday Teas - Dawna Faryna; Photography and Historian - Mary Devine and Florence Cawsey; Volunteers - Dawna Faryna; and Sunday Singing - Ruth Sverdahl.

The nominating committee for 2000 was Florence Cawsey, Gwladys Bogner and Myra Underhay.

Chamber of Commerce notes

by Marge St. Clair

At the January meeting, New President Dan Peters welcomed all to the meeting.

Reports:

1. Trade Show Comm.:

Dave Mohr reported the Trade Show dates are April 1 and 2. Mickey Lennox and Evan Parliament volunteered their help to the Comm.

2. Midnite Madness Report - Gene Hartmann

1. The decorations were extended this year, the wagon rides were a real hit, twice as many choirs singing, the event could be extended next year and a change of name (Didsbury Christmas Village) more volunteers for next year will be needed, will the business persons dress to suit the occasion? The Comm. was acknowledged by the membership for the great display.

3. Alberta Chamber - Dan Peters

A facilitation from the Alberta chamber will work with the Exec.

4. Show & Shine - next meeting will be in Feb. at the Didsbury Inn.

5. Main Street - Dave Mohr reported that the contract will

be completed this summer, the buildings to be done this summer will be contracted out, so the equipment and materials at the Main Street shop are being sold. Dave has a list.

6. Town of Didsbury - Evan Parliament reported the "Twining Comm. is meeting at the Didsbury Library.

A County of Mountain View rep. was invited to sit on this board and Dan Peters and Cam Steward volunteered to represent the chamber. Mayor Ray Lea reported that the tenders are out for the construction of the new RCMP building and construction should begin in Feb.

7. Mountain View County - Mr. Dave Derksen congratulated the Midnite Madness Comm. for the decorations.

8. Dave Mohr will attend a conference in Red Deer by Alberta Economic Development called "Best Practises."

9. The books were audited.

10. Christmas Decoration

Winners:

Rural - Rod Lucas

Small Urban yard - Wayne & Marlene Fizer

Large Urban yard - Lori &

Roger Southgate

Theme Yard - Norm & Colleen Kirchhofer awards to be presented at Feb. meeting.

11. Chamber Logo - Dan Peters presented drafts of the Chamber Logo embroidery from Cam Steward's diagrams, stitchouts will be ready for Feb. meeting.

Guest Speaker - Mayor Ray Lea reviewed the agenda for the public meeting on the future of the Didsbury District Health Services. Mr. Jim Turner, board member of RHA #5 also spoke.

Mr. Greg Hnatiuk, Community Constable will speak at the Feb. meeting regarding traffic bylaws.

Mr. Robert Wigg and Mr. Evan Parliament will also speak on recent development in Didsbury.

The Executives for 2000 is as follows:

Chair - Dan Peters

Vice Chair - to be filled at Feb. meeting

Past Chair - Claude Baril

Sec./Treas. - Brenda Fleming

Directors - Gerry Le Blanc,

Greg Poirer, Beverley Plentz,

Dave Mohr, Bruce Freeman and

Loretta Copeman.

Library news

We finally have the third in the Harry Potter trilogy, the Prisoner of Azkaban. The Harry Potter books have made history being the longest running children's books on the New York Times best seller list. A joy to read for young and old alike, as Harry Potter discovers his wizardly heritage, learns about the power within himself, makes friends and struggles with the powers of good and evil.

In The Entertainment Economy, Michael Wolf, the industry's most in-demand strategist, demonstrates that media and entertainment have moved beyond culture to become the driving wheel of the global economy. A fascinating insider's look at the world pop culture, e-commerce and ever changing phenomena!

And, now that we are all stressed out over these fast paced changes, we need I'd Kill for a Cookie: a simple six week plan to conquer stress eating.

Rose's Stuff is beginning again. Sign up now for Wed. February 28 and learn to make personalized stationary. The cost is only \$15 for instruction and supplies and you will take home three completed projects.

Pull up a chair, open your lunch kit, sit back and relax at the "Brown Bag Travel" video program at noon hour on Thursdays. February 24 journey from the stark beauty of Death Valley National Monument to the crater of a dormant volcano in Hawaii.

On March 2, you can enjoy a double header: Touring the Gateway Arch and the Isle of Man. The last video in the series will be Touring Ireland, on March 9, just in time to get in the mood for St. Patrick's Day.

The Library is looking for a replacement copy of "Echoes of an Era", Didsbury's History Book. If you have a copy in good condition and would like to donate or sell it to the library, please stop by and let us know.

MCC appeals for relief kits, donations for mudslide victims in Venezuela

Tens of thousands of Venezuelans are still suffering the consequences of the massive flooding and mudslides that permanently defaced their country in December, says a Calgary man who is helping coordinate relief efforts and recently returned from Venezuela.

"It looks like a giant animal scratched pieces of the mountain off and sent them into the city," said Abe Janzen, describing the mudslides around the capital city of Caracas.

Janzen, executive director of the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Alberta, returned from Venezuela on February 7 and was shocked by the long-term damage. "You'll be able to see it for a long time," he said. "There's just so much work to be done."

Massive rainfalls caused flooding and landslides that killed an estimated 20,000 to 80,000 people, although the official death count is much lower. Approximately 300,000 people lost their homes.

Many of the homeless people are living in temporary shelters. Janzen visited one shelter, located in a large stadium, which has already housed 1,200 people for more than a month. Although there were plenty of mattresses, he found the building dark, with few activities for the people. "It's an unhealthy situation for them socially and psychologically," he said.

MCC, in cooperation with a number of Mennonite church groups, has committed \$562,000 for mudslide relief. Approximately \$45,000 will go initially to purchase food, clothing and other basic supplies in Venezuela. Ten thousand health kits are on their way to Venezuela.

"MCC is also requesting 23,000 relief buckets for distribution in the flooded areas," he said.

Although the disaster situation continues to change, MCC and its partners' longer term plans include economic development initiatives aimed at people who lost business and jobs in the mudslides. As well, the partners expect to train local church leaders to work with traumatized people. Plans may also include home construction.

To participate in the relief bucket drive, please place following contents in a box and deliver to MCC Material Resources, #102, 3517 - 17 Ave. SE, Calgary, AB T2A 0R5 by March 15:

- 4 bars of antibacterial soap
- 1 plastic bottle of shampoo (13-24 ounce size or 450-830 millilitres). Place in plastic bag.
- 10 cups of powdered laundry detergent. (Please double bag in re-sealable plastic bags (size: 1 gallon or 4 litres)
- 1 tube of toothpaste (mini-

mum 8 ounces or 130 millilitres)

- 4 adult size toothbrushes (leave in packaging)
- 4 NEW bath towels (light weight, not white)

- 1 hairbrush, wide-tooth comb(s), and finger nail clipper
- 1 box of adhesive bandages (minimum 40)
- package of 18-24 sanitary pads (thin maxi or ultra thin)

A Spanish language Bible will be included at the request of our church partners in Venezuela," said Janzen. "We're asking people who are putting these kits together to contribute \$15 to cover the shipment of each kit and the cost of the Bible."

Kits may also be dropped at the Lethbridge Variety Store, 1251 - 2 Ave., Lethbridge or

with Ruth Unger in LaCrete (780) 928-3931 for forwarding to Calgary.

For collection points in Grand Prairie, Edmonton and other regions, please call MCC at 403-275-6935. Churches and schools may wish to serve as collection sites and forward kits to MCC Material Resources in Calgary where kits will be packed for shipment to Venezuela.

Financial donations should be made out to Mennonite Central Committee and marked "Venezuela Mudslides." The mailing address is Mennonite Central Committee, 76 Skyline Cres. NE, Calgary, AB T2K 5X7.

For further information on this MCC program please contact Abe Janzen at (403) 275-3711.

Royal Purple News

by Annie Pringle

Eleven members met in the hall for a short meeting. It was reported a successful Blood Donor clinic had been held and we will be having the next one in July. The response had been great but we need more donors in order to win the Cup which is in Olds' possession now.

Membership night will be Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. and two guest speakers will be present. Please come and bring friend or friends; dress is casual.

The treasurer has a supply of Elkathon Tickets on the Van and we need someone to help sell them. Also, the D.O.R.P. calendars are here and may be purchased.

Our March meeting will be our Birthday meeting. Hope to see all there. March 13 is Past Honoured Ladies night, also their Lodge Birthday for Crossfield Lodge. So if anyone wishes to go contact H.R.L. Sue Pratt.

Get well wishes go to Joyce Armour and Betty Casebeer. You both are sorely missed.



Lodge News

by Annie Caush

Hi all!

We're still enjoying our great winter weather. Hope all our readers are missing the flu and able to be out and about.

Here at the Lodge we seem to keep busy with various activities. One day last week there was a "Mystery Trip." It ended in Carstairs with coffee and snacks at a cafe there and then a short visit to Chinook Winds Lodge. On Friday our cooks served us a delicious Chinese smorg at noon. Thanks everyone.

The Ladies Auxiliary met last Tuesday. After the regular business we made some plans for the Spring Tea. Easter is late this year so our tea will be on April 18. It's not too early to mark your calendars as we look forward to greeting many visitors that day. Before that we have another special event here; a Garage Sale on March 4. All proceeds from both events go to the Lodge for various things. Most recently the Auxiliary has bought a new chair for the hair dressing salon.

So long for now! Keep well!

Didsbury Outlaws 4-H Club News

by Michelle Finnigan

We had a fun time in January. We started out January 8 with helping at the Farm and Ranch Bonspeil in Didsbury. We set tables, gathered dishes, picked up cans and did lots of clean up. It was fun and we got to meet a lot of new people.

On January 10, we had a long club meeting, we learned about our public speaking, and what speeches would be best for us. Our speeches are being held on Sunday, February 20, at the Westcott Hall. We are starting at 12:30. You are welcome to come and listen.

On January 23, we were up bright an early (ugh) to go curling. Some of us started at 8:00 a.m. We stayed the whole day. Some had to learn to curl and some already knew and helped out the ones that didn't. We had a fun day and learned a lot.

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Didsbury 5-0 Club

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Calgary 262-2839 Better service for your hearing aid means better hearing for you



Human Resources Development Canada / Développement des ressources humaines Canada

Summer Career Placement Program



Youth Employment Strategy

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Applications are now available for the Summer Career Placement (SCP) wage subsidy program, a component of the Year 2000 Student Summer Job Action. This federally funded program, sponsored by Human Resources Development Canada, provides wage subsidies to make it possible for employers to hire summer students.

Summer Career Placement enables private, public and not-for-profit employers to create career-related summer jobs for high school, college or university students for six to fourteen weeks.

Approval of applications is based on employer contribution as well as the quality of the job.

Applications may be picked-up at the following address:

Canada/Alberta Service Centre

First Red Deer Place

2nd Floor, 4911 - 51 Street

Red Deer, Alberta

Out of Town Employers phone (403) 341-7165

The deadline for receipt of applications is March 10, 2000.

Canada

Screen Test

Alberta Program for the Early Detection of Breast Cancer



Screen Test says "Thank You!"

SCREEN TEST recently had the privilege of working in partnership with the Regional Health Authority 5 to bring breast cancer screening services to Didsbury surrounding area. Many community volunteers helped in the planning and provision of the services, and have provided valuable feedback to the program.

The purpose of the **SCREEN TEST PROGRAM** is to reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer among Alberta women. You have helped us do this. In addition to the many individuals who have helped with the services, special thanks go to the following:



Didsbury 5-0 Club
Screen Test Volunteers



ALBERTA CANCER BOARD



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

(Leroy) Eldridge Cleaver, the Militant Black Panther and follower of Martin Luther King may not be everybody's role model but he was certainly right when he said, "You're either part of the solution or part of the problem." If you know that someone is being abused and don't do something about it, if you throw your trash out the car window and let crumpled Newspaper blow past your feet without putting it in the garbage, you're part of the problem, if you smile when your kids use the "F" word, look the other way when someone is being bullied and picked on, laugh at your beer buddies racist and cruel jokes, and let good old Buddy drive when he's loaded, you're part of the problem. If you buy all your supplies at COSCO and Walmart and your local stores fold up, you're part of the problem and if you don't support the local Hospital on a regular basis and then your kid goes into a coma with a croup attack well....

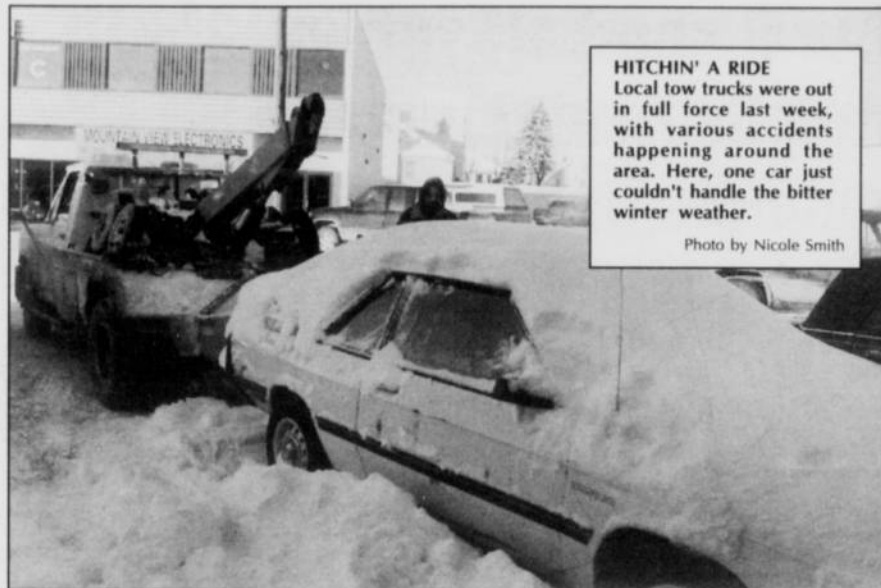
I got another letter from my friend Natalia this week. Natalia and I have been friends since early 1993 when we met through a now defunct organization called Family to Family. Natalia, and her son Artyom, live in a 2 room apartment in Troitsk, a suburb of Moscow. She teaches English to little children in a Trade Union Club. German is her second language, English is her third and it is very good. "We have many problems. Inflation gobbles up all profits, Government laws don't work and the Press acts at its own sweet will, don't check the facts and very often lie." She tries not to watch or listen to TV because the war in Chechnia is so awful and she fears for Artyom who works in Moscow where, "almost every night the police find explosives." The widow in the apartment upstairs "has bitterness against the World, and throws slops over her balcony." The little garden that they planted "in a waste ground" was mostly lost to thieves but many people are hungry and she does not blame them. Still she says she baked cookies at Christmas, the children sang Jingle Bells from books I sent her, they are both well and didn't get the flu.

When I compare Natalia's lifestyle to mine I want to tell everybody in Canada "Work harder to preserve this wonderful country, stop wasting our resources, be more aware of our many blessings, be kinder to each other and try to understand how very, very fortunate we are." Be part of the solution.

Random Acts of Kindness Week must be right about now. It's a shame to limit it to one week anyway, the World would be so much nicer if we performed Random Acts of Kindness all year round. Valentine's Day is this week as well. Whatever your excuse, Random Acts of Kindness, Valentine's Day, Part of the Solution, let's make a special effort to be kinder, gentler and more generous. Let's try harder to be worthy of the blessings this country has to offer. There is not much we can do about the War in Chechnia but we can reach out to help a neighbor, phone someone who is ill or lonely, send a note to an old friend, express gratitude for a job well done or a more than satisfactory product.

Your Random Acts don't have to be big you know, 2 seconds of patience while a pedestrian crosses the street, holding the door for a lady pushing a stroller. Pick up some garbage, put an extra jar of peanut butter in the Food Bank hamper, smile at someone you don't know very well. When you see a man struggling to open one of those miserable plastic bags at the grocery store, give him a hand. He's probably trying to open the wrong end. When somebody's kid knocks over a pile of cantaloupe, help to pick them up. When you are buying a birthday card and find a "Love to Grandma" in the "Sister" section, refile it correctly. You will feel so virtuous.

Several times lately I have been in the Public washrooms where some idiot has torn the coat hook off the wall. My new project is to carry a package of self sticking hangers and replace some of these hooks. I know it's not a big thing but it's a start. Feel free to join me.



HITCHIN' A RIDE
Local tow trucks were out in full force last week, with various accidents happening around the area. Here, one car just couldn't handle the bitter winter weather.

Photo by Nicole Smith

World Day of Prayer to be held Friday, March 3, 2000

Canadians of many Christian traditions will gather together on March 3 to celebrate the World Day of Prayer. This is a time to strengthen the bonds of Christian unity, share faith in Jesus Christ, be enriched by other faith experiences, pray, and take action for social justice. World Day of Prayer affirms that prayer and action are inseparable, and that both have an immeasurable influence in the world.

This year's liturgy was prepared by the Christian women of Indonesia. The theme is "Talitha, cum! Young Woman, Stand Up!" This is a powerful service which is meant to support young women on their way to an upright life and to encourage others to follow them. From 2 Timothy: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God that is in you. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. In Indonesia, over 50% of the population is under 20 years of age.

Of all the countries in the world, Indonesia is unique because of its composition of 13,600 islands and for how far it extends. Indonesia stretches east to west across three time zones. If it were projected on a map of Canada, Banda Aceh at the northern tip of Sumatra would extend into the Pacific Ocean outside Halifax harbour.

The continental size of Indonesia and its 300 ethnic groups reveal the extraordinary effort required of Indonesians to live out their country motto: Unity in Diversity. In addition to its vast size and its many ancient and complex cultures, Indonesia realities will need our personal attention and concentration. Our efforts will be rewarded as we come to know more about the beauty of the land and the people of Indonesia.

The women of WDP in Indonesia rely on our study in preparation for WDP 2000 so

that we are informed partners with them. Together with the people of Indonesia we will pray and enter into the new millennium, with greater conviction and commitment that the realm of peace and justice proclaimed in the Gospels can be a reality.

World Day of Prayer services have their roots in the early twentieth century when women in Great Britain, Canada and the USA were each having a national Day of Prayer.

The first truly international day of prayer was held between Canada and the United States in 1921. Today, serv-

ices are held in over 170 countries around the world. In Canada, World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, and is celebrated in more than 2000 communities. In this community, the coordinating group has representation from the following churches:

Chinook Winds, Knox United, St. Anthony's Catholic, St. Cyprians Anglican, Zion Evangelical Missionary and Berghal Mennonite.

For more information on the services being held in our community, please contact: Agnes Peters at 335-4940.



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CRIME STOPPERS

Rural seatbelt survey results reveal a major public safety problem

The first comprehensive Rural Seatbelt Survey in Canadian history is now complete, with results showing a very dangerous trend. On average, only 69.2 percent of people on this province's country roads are wearing seatbelts, compared to city drivers, whose seatbelt wear rates are 89 percent. "Those numbers are very troubling," says RCMP Staff Sergeant Steve MacDonald - "K" Division Provincial Traffic Coordinator, "because unbuckled occupants are twice as likely to be killed or critically injured in the event of a collision."

Also troubling is the fact that the survey reveals 39.6 percent of rural drivers don't stop at stop signs.

"We're realizing that seatbelt law offenders also tend to be traffic law offenders. If that same driver isn't wearing a seatbelt and is involved in a collision, there's a greater chance it's going to be fatal," MacDonald says. In fact, in 1998 14% of all fatal collisions in rural Alberta did not stop at a stop sign.

Even more disturbing

is, the fact that when people do not stop at stop signs, there is a 62.3% chance that they are not wearing their seat belts.

Clearly, something must be done to correct these serious public safety problems in Alberta's rural community.

Accordingly, the RCMP and traffic safety partners are planning a major integrated education, enforcement and evaluation strategy to raise the wear rates in rural Alberta to 95 percent and to substantially reduce intersection violations over the next ten years.

Dr. Louis Francescucci, Chair, Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, says that increasing seat belt usage and reducing stop sign violations in the rural community will have major implications for Alberta's health care sector.

"If a commitment is made to plan, develop and implement programs that will incrementally raise the rural Alberta seat belt Alberta usage rate from the prevailing level of 69.2% to a goal of 95% by the year 2009, this

will result in over 300 additional lives being saved and more than 1800 additional injuries being prevented in motor vehicle collisions over the next 10 years. And, the economic benefits of this are staggering - over \$475 million dollars will be saved." RCMP will announce the enforcement plan prior to the May long weekend this year.

The Rural Alberta Seatbelt survey was achieved through a partnership with Alberta Centre for Injury Control & Research, Alberta Health, Alberta Infrastructure, the Alberta Motor Association, the Insurance Bureau of Canada, Regional Health Authorities, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Transport Canada, and 650 community volunteers.

For further information, please refer to RCMP website at www.lis.ab.ca/march125 which will be activated at 8 a.m. on February 10 or contact: Staff Sergeant Steve MacDonald - RCMP, "K" Division Traffic Services (780)412-5465.

Health care is the number one concern of Albertans.

You want a health system that is there when you need it.

You don't want lengthy waiting lists.

You don't want two-tiered health care.

We agree.

In November, the Alberta Government released a policy statement that supports Alberta's publicly funded health system, rejects two-tiered health care and proposes clear rules to regulate clinics performing surgeries that require an overnight stay.

Albertans have asked us:

How will this reduce waiting lists?

Emergencies and more urgent health problems can fill hospital beds. When that happens, surgeries get cancelled and waiting lists get longer. Performing some surgical procedures in clinics can avoid these delays and free operating rooms and beds for patients who need a hospital's diagnostic and intensive care resources.

Won't people be pressured to pay for extras in these clinics?

No. You don't pay now for medically necessary surgical services and you won't in the future, no matter where in Alberta the surgery is performed. It is also against the law in Alberta to charge a patient for insured services. This law will be strictly enforced and pressure to purchase unnecessary services will be prohibited. People pay for some extras now throughout the public health system - whether it's for a lightweight cast or a private room - and those options will continue.

How will clinics cover their costs?

Health authorities will decide how much they are willing to pay for surgical services. Surgical clinics will decide if that is enough for them to provide good care, cover costs and get a reasonable return on their investment. The provincial government will only approve those contracts that demonstrate a measurable benefit for the public health system.

Tell us what matters to you.

The health system is changing to meet your needs.

The status quo is not an option.

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

CFC Bulletin - In a snapshot

"Omnibus" bill proposes grandfathering some prohibited handguns in dealers' inventories

- Would allow grandfathered owners to keep handguns bought after Feb. 14, 1995

- Bill still must be passed by Parliament to take effect

Proposed Amendment to the Amnesty

On December 1, 1999, Bill C-17 was tabled before the House of Commons. This bill contains amendments to various laws, including a technical amendment to the Firearms Act that affects the amnesty provisions regarding dealers' inventories of prohibited handguns.

Currently, under the amnesty, all firearms dealers must part with all recently prohibited handguns (handguns with a barrel length of 105 mm or less, or that discharge 25 or 32 calibre cartridges) from their inventories before January 1, 2001. The various options to do this depend on when the handgun came into their inventory.

This bill, however, con-

tains an amendment that would "grandfather" prohibited handguns held in dealer inventories and reported to the Registrar on or before February 14, 1995.

How this amendment affects you

At present, if you own a non-grandfathered handgun, you must part with it by December 31, 2000. (For a list of options contact the Canadian Firearms Centre toll free at 1-800-731-4000.)

If grandfathered status is given to the prohibited handguns that were reported by the dealer to the Registrar on or before February 14, 1995, it will mean two things to grandfathered owners:

1. You will be able to keep a prohibited handgun that you bought after February 14, 1995, if it was reported to the Registrar as part of the dealer's inventory on or before February 14, 1995; and
2. You will be able to purchase prohibited handguns from "grandfathered" stock held by firearms dealers.

Approval by Parliament

This amendment to the Firearms Act must be approved by Parliament before it can take effect. Please note that this will likely take several months.

For more information, or for a copy of the Firearms Act, its regulations and other CFC publications, contact us at:

1-800-731-4000 (toll free)

Web site: www.cfc-cacf.gc.ca

E-mail: canadian.firearms@justice.gc.ca

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The Firearms Act is being phased-in from December 1, 1998 to January 1, 2003.

This bulletin is intended to provide general information only. For legal references, please refer to the Firearms Act and its regulations. Provincial, territorial and municipal laws regulations and policies may also apply.

Focus on the Family



James C. Dobson, PH. D., is founder and president of *Focus on the Family*, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Dr. Dobson is married, the father of two grown children, and resides in Colorado. For 14 years he was an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and the university of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the attending staff of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has also been heavily involved in governmental activities relating to the preservation of the family.

QUESTION: I'm concerned about sibling rivalry between my two daughters. What are the areas of potential conflict that should be handled with care?

DR. DOBSON: There are three areas that are most delicate. First, children are extremely sensitive about physical attractiveness and body characteristics. It is highly inflammatory to commend one child at the expense of the other.

Suppose, for example, that Sharon is permitted to hear the casual remark about her sister, "Betty is sure going to be a gorgeous girl." The very fact that Sharon was not mentioned will probably establish the two girls as rivals. If there is a significant difference in beauty between the two, you can be assured that Sharon has already concluded, "Yeah, I'm the ugly one." When her fears are then confirmed by her parents, resentment and jealousy are generated.

Second, the matter of intelligence is another sensitive nerve to be handled with care. It is not uncommon to hear parents say in front of their children, "I think the younger boy is actually brighter than his brother." Even when the comments are unplanned and are spoken routinely, they convey how a child is "seen" within his family. We are all vulnerable to that bit of evidence. Third, children (and especially boys) are extremely competitive with regard to athletic abilities. Those who are slower, weaker and less coordinated than their brothers are rarely able to accept "second best" with grace and dignity. Consider, for example, the following note given to me by the mother of two boys. It was written by her 9-year-old son to his 8-year-old brother the evening after the younger child had beaten him in a race:

"Dear Jim: 'I am the greatest and your the badest. And I can beat everybody in a race and you can't beat anybody in a race. I'm the smartest and your the dumbest. I'm the best sport player and your the badest sport player. And your also a hog. I can beat anybody up. And that's the truth. And that's the end of this story. Yours truly, 'Richard'"

This note is humorous to me because Richard's motive was so poorly disguised. He had been badly stung by his humiliation on the field of honor, so he came home and raised the battle flags. Such is the nature of humankind.

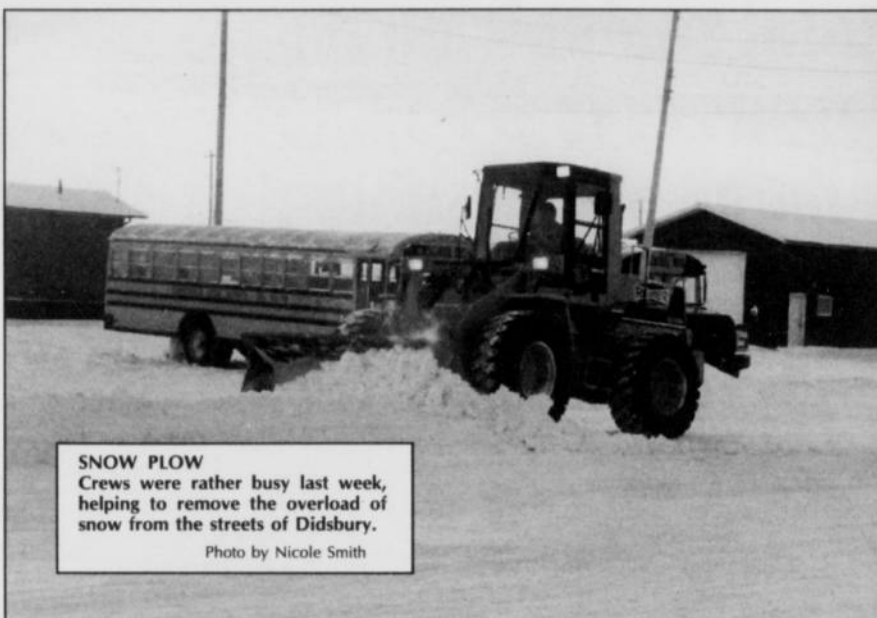
QUESTION: Sometimes my husband and I disagree on our discipline and argue in front of our children about what is best. Do you think this is damaging?

DR. DOBSON: Yes, I do. You and your husband should present a united front, especially when children are watching. If you disagree on an issue, it can be discussed later in private. Unless the two of you can come to a consensus, your children's perception of right and wrong will begin to appear arbitrary. They will also make an "end run" around the tougher parent to get the answers they want. There are even more serious consequences for boys and girls when parents are radically different in their approach. Some of the most hostile, aggressive teen-agers I've seen have come from family constellations where the parents have leaned in opposite directions in their discipline. Suppose the father is unloving and uninterested in the welfare of his kids. His approach is harsh and physical. He comes home tired and may knock them around if they get in his way. The mother is permissive by nature. She worries every day about the lack of love in the father-child relationship. Eventually she sets out to compensate for it. When Dad sends their son to bed without his dinner, Mom slips him milk and cookies. When he says "no" to a particular request, she finds a way to say "yes." She lets the kids get away with murder because it is not in her spirit to confront them. What happens under these circumstances is that the authority figures in the family contradict and cancel out each other. Consequently, the child is caught in the middle and often grows up hating both. It doesn't always work that way, but the probability for trouble is high. The "middle ground" between extremes of love and control must be sought if we are to produce healthy, responsible children.

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SNOW PLOW

Crews were rather busy last week, helping to remove the overload of snow from the streets of Didsbury.

Photo by Nicole Smith

Wild Rose Foundation boosting communities with \$1 million

Nearly \$1 million from the Wild Rose Foundation quarterly grants program will benefit 38 non-profit and volunteer community service organizations across the province during the second round of quarterly grants in the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

Total grants for this fiscal year now total approximately \$2.1 million supporting a variety of projects in the areas of health and wellness, education, end social services. Funding assists specific programs and services that affect children, young people and seniors.

"Building vibrant communities and helping to make them stronger enhances the quality of life for all Albertans over the long-term," said Community Development Minister Stan Woloshyn, minister responsible for the Wild Rose Foundation. "By funding community-based initiatives such as volunteer

programs, health education, community outreach, emergency services, facility improvements, and services for persons with disabilities, government and community organizations are working together in meeting the needs of Albertans."

Organizations are eligible for a grant if they are legally registered as a society or charity in Alberta, have been in existence for one complete year, and demonstrate community fundraising that meets or exceeds the grant amount requested. The maximum grant available for programs or capital projects is \$50,000, and organizations may receive one

grant in a three-year period.

Funding for the Wild Rose Foundation quarterly grant program is made possible through lottery revenues. The grant program accounts for approximately \$4.5 million of the foundation's \$6.6 million budget in the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

Additional information is available on the Wild Rose Foundation Web site at www.gov.ab.ca/wrf or by contacting the foundation at 422-9305.

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See You in Church This Sunday!

Faces

a brief glimpse of people and events in our community



Anne Milne

507-9063 for H-E-L-P

5 0 7 - 9063: Keep this number handy; write it on that list of important numbers you keep by the phone; stick it to the fridge, but whatever you do, don't be caught wondering who to call when you need help in and around the house.

The Didsbury and District Homehelp Service Association

is a new resource group dedicated to providing direction to those in need of yard maintenance, housecleaning, rides out of town for doctor appointments, etc. or just plain company and friendship.

"Our biggest customers will probably be seniors, but everyone is welcome to take advantage of our services," says Anne Milne who sits on the Board of Directors. Joining her are Founders Linda Simpson, Joanna James and Reverend John Orman.

"We are basically a referral service," says Milne. "...we are here to let people know who they can trust to call upon if they want their fence mended, or their laundry done, or a ride to Calgary to see their doctor. We don't intend to replace the Handibus, of course, just a compliment of the services that are already available."

If you are interested in joining the Association for volunteering or work purposes, please call 507-9063.

"We exist to help others get connected with services in the community!" says Milne. "It's our pleasure to help."



Chris Bojda

ASC to open Centre for Employment

Finding a job in the Didsbury area may soon get easier thanks to

the inception of the "Centre for Employment" - a new program being run by the Accredited Supports to the Community (ASC) out of Olds.

Coordinator Chris Bojda says the government-funded program is designed to assist in the job search process for those individuals having trouble finding a job due to a disability or other personal or professional problems.

"The Centre will be operated out of Olds, but we will be serving Didsbury and the whole County in about a weeks time."

Anyone wishing more information about the Centre for Employment is encouraged to call 556-3808.

Pretty thrifty!

The Thrift Shops origin goes back thirty-five years when two members of the United Church Women suggested that more could be done to help our community and the mission of the Church; by starting a Thrift Shop. The question was where! Pat Janzen and Dorothy Shiels got

permission from the Didsbury Auction Mart to sell used clothing on auction day. After the sale was over the unsold items were stored at the Church then hauled back on the next auction day. The first day, they proudly made seven dollars!

Through the years there were many moves, eg. Clint Berber's place (now McDonald's), the Phil Andrews garage (now the Hi Ho), Roger Barrett's garage (now Fast Gas), Freeman's store which was empty at the time, Clarence Ness' shoe store, upstairs above Ausenhaus Travel Agency, and at present the back section of Checker Auto Parts.

Some of the people who were active in the beginning were Tina Epp and Rena Janzen who are not with us any more and many others joined in throughout the 35 years.

Good used clothing was sold to the people of the community at a reasonable cost - plus for other occasions such as: Halloween, Fashion shows, Christmas time, Initiation at the school, and all other seasons.

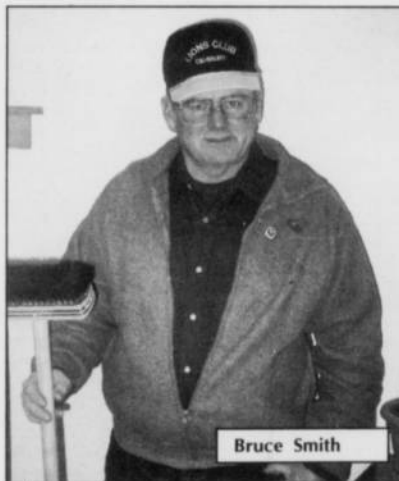
The Thrift Shop, with the help of many volunteers, was able to donate to the following organizations in 1999:

- The Foster Parent Plan (community project);
- Horizon School (Olds) for the children;
- Operation Eyesight (Universal);
- Jellinek Society (rehab. for drug & alcoholic abuse);
- Alzheimer Assoc. of Alberta;
- Central Alberta Women's Shelter (Red Deer);
- Didsbury & District Community Bus;
- Christmas Helpers (hampers);
- St. Stephen's College;
- Padnoma Support Services (Olds);
- Accredited Supports to Community (Handicap Assoc.);
- Rosebud Health Foundation (Didsbury);
- Lion's Club Handi-Bus;
- Olds and District Food Bank;
- Bissell Centre (for child to go to camp);
- The Healing Fund;
- Naramata Centre;
- Didsbury Children's Group Home #1;
- Padnoma Project #4 (Didsbury);
- Didsbury House #1.



Dorothy Shiels and Pat Janzen

Photo by Doug Artindale



Bruce Smith

Curl for Cash

You don't have to be destined to play at the Brier to compete in the Lions Bonspiel next month. What you can expect is a weekend of fun and good-natured competition March 3 and 4 at the Didsbury Curling Rink during the Lions Open Cash Bonspiel. "This is not an event strictly for Lions members," says Organizer Bruce Smith. "...we want people to know that everyone is welcome to participate whether they want to compete on a mens' team, womens' or mixed and regardless of their skill level." Smith says proceeds from the 2nd annual event are directed to community projects.

"Whatever money we make off of the sale of pie and coffee during the Bonspiel goes directly to the Lions Club where it is later dispersed through projects they are involved with." Anyone interested in registering a Rink for the Lions Bonspiel is encouraged to call Bruce Smith at 335-9173, Ray Lea at 335-3798 or add their name to the sign-up sheet at the Didsbury Curling Rink. Deadline for entries is February 25.

Swing your Partner to the Lonepine Hall

There's no reason to get a sitter February 19. Bring the whole family down to the Lonepine Hall for a great night out dancing. The Lonepine Hall Family Dance is only \$10 for the entire crew and includes hot dogs and pop.

"Entertainment is provided by a well-known deejay service and everyone seems to enjoy the variety of music we typically hear at this function," says Lonepine Ag Society Member and Organizer Jane Nugent about the 2nd Annual Event.

"I think this kind of event is getting more and more popular out here. There are just so many advantages to being able to go anywhere as a family these days instead of being pulled in all different directions pursuing individual interests."

But the Family Dance is just one of the popular activities organized by the Lonepine Ag Society. In June the group plans on hosting another successful Appreciation Supper for volunteers. "We plan on getting Country 105 out to deejay this one," says Nugent. "There are a lot of volunteers who work very hard for us at the Bench Fair each year and this is one way to show our gratitude." If you would like more information about the activities taking place at the Lonepine Hall, please call 335-3186.

Revenue Canada warns against tax-filing myths

For many years, certain groups and individuals in Canada have protested federal income taxes by alleging such taxes are unconstitutional and that citizens can legitimately refuse to file a tax return.

Revenue Canada recognizes Canadians have every right to express opinions on constitution, taxes, or any other issue.

Revenue Canada's concern, however, is that clients who believe misleading information and accept incorrect advice concerning the Income Tax Act could expose themselves to serious financial and legal problems because of their failure to comply with the law.

For this reason, Revenue Canada wishes to address some misleading statements and "myths" that are currently circulating about income tax and the Department's duties.

Myth # 1: Federal income tax is unconstitutional. The Constitution gives the power of direct taxation (such as income tax) exclusively to the provinces. The Supreme Court of Canada confirmed this in a decision in 1950. You can legitimately refuse to pay income tax to the federal government because it is unconstitutional.

The Facts: The Constitution says the federal government can raise money "by any mode or system of taxation." It also says the provinces can impose direct taxes within a province to raise revenue for provincial purposes. As a result, federal and provincial taxing powers overlap, since the federal government can raise money by both direct and indirect taxes.

No court in Canada has ever agreed with the idea that the federal government cannot levy income taxes. A 1950 Supreme Court decision concerning the Lord Nelson Hotel in Nova Scotia is often cited as support for the idea. That case dealt with the issue of whether the federal government and a provincial government could delegate authority to each other on specific issues of labour and taxation. The Court did not address the issue of imposing direct taxes. Several major court decisions in the last few years have confirmed the power of the federal government to levy direct taxes.

In Canada, if citizens feel a law is unconstitutional, they must ask the courts to declare it so. Until that happens, the law applies. Citizens cannot decide on their own that they will stop obeying a law because they think it is unconstitutional.

Taxpayers who believe they can refuse to file income tax returns by declaring that the income tax laws are unconstitutional are relying on bad advice. People who follow such advice could face late filing penalties, fines and imprisonment imposed by the courts - in addition to having to pay their unpaid taxes, plus interest.

Myth # 2: The income system is based on "voluntary compliance". This proves Canada knows the law is unconstitutional and unenforceable.

The Facts: Revenue Canada has stated that voluntary compliance is the cornerstone of Canada's self-assessment system in numerous public documents and publications. There is nothing secret about that information. It simply means the vast majority of Canadians liable for federal tax choose to comply with the law without Revenue Canada forcing them to do so.

Encouraging people to obey the law is the most efficient way to build long-term compliance with Canada's tax laws. The concept of voluntary compliance does not imply that the law cannot be enforced if necessary. In the small number of cases where taxes are not paid, or are not paid on time, the Income Tax Act and other laws provide a range of penalties for offenses such as tax evasion, failure to disclose income or refusing to file a tax return.

The Act gives Revenue Canada powers to impose fines, make third party claims, seize property, and prosecute through the criminal process. On the other hand, taxpayers who come forward voluntarily without having been investigated can settle unpaid taxes without any penalty except for interest on the overdue amount owed.

Myth # 3: Many tax protesters have refused to file for years, and Revenue Canada cannot force them to do so, because the Income Tax Act is unconstitutional and unenforceable.

The Facts: Be wary of such claims. Revenue Canada cannot legally discuss cases of individual taxpayers. Even though we know who these persons are, the Department is not in a position to respond publicly to claims of this kind. There is no legal barrier, however, to taxpayers or journalists asking tax protesters to prove claims that they have successfully avoided paying income tax for years. Some of these individuals may indeed have filed in past years, or been

financed for failing to file.

In some cases, people may not be required to file because they have no taxes owing due to source deductions or lack of taxable income. In other cases, Revenue Canada may not yet have acted against an individual who did not file.

People are prosecuted, convicted, and penalized for failure to file. Under the law, individuals who fail to file a return, or fail to comply with a court order to file, are liable to a fine of \$1,000 to \$25,000 and up to 12 months imprisonment as well as having to pay the unpaid taxes with accrued interest.

Revenue Canada works to educate and serve the public, and to encourage all taxpayers to comply with the law. Responsible enforcement aimed at maintaining public confidence in the integrity of the tax system is an important element of Revenue Canada's administration of the law. In fairness to the honest majority, there are times when this must include legal action against those who refuse to comply. In the 1997-98 fiscal year, for example, Revenue Canada laid more than 2,000 charges for non-filing.

Myth # 4: Taxpayers should protest to Revenue Canada employees, refuse to co-operate with them, and refuse to file. This will help to heighten

public disapproval of high taxes and wasteful spending and force Revenue Canada to lower (or even eliminate) taxes.

The Facts: It is Revenue Canada's responsibility to administer the laws as passed by Parliament.

Revenue Canada has no power to impose new taxes, remove existing ones, raise or lower taxes, or decide how tax money will be spent. These powers belong to the elected representatives of the Canadian people in Parliament.

Revenue Canada employees are responsible for ensuring that the existing tax law is applied, that citizens obey the law, and that all Canadians pay their fair share of taxes.

Whether on issues like tax rates or government spending, citizens have a right and a duty to make their opinions known.

If taxpayers feel Revenue Canada has acted without authority, they are free to retain counsel and to consider taking

action through the courts. However, Revenue Canada employees are not in a position to change the law and are not responsible for federal tax policy.

Under our parliamentary system, tax policy is developed by the Department of Finance. Tax measures are put before Parliament in the form of legislation.

Any changes in taxation must be passed by the House of Commons and by the Senate in order to become law.

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 - I have had many challenges the last three years, both personal and political and I am thankful to God for his guidance and thankful for the support of the community, my wife Jan, my colleagues and the Premier for all the help in achieving what we have accomplished in the past three years.
- That is why, I am asking for your support in my nomination bid to represent you in the Alberta Legislature for a 2nd term.

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Brand new owners for the Didsbury Bottle Depot

By Nicole Smith

Gather up those cans and bottles and head on down to the Didsbury Bottle Depot and meet the new owners.

Raj Johal, and his brother Bindi, bought the business last month and officially took over on Feb. 4.

This is not the first business of this sort for the brothers, who have come from Calgary, as they have owned depots in both Edmonton and Ponoka.

They chose the Didsbury de-

pot because of its proximity to Calgary and "because we always wanted one in a small town," said Johal.

The depot, as before, collects containers of "almost anything drinkable."

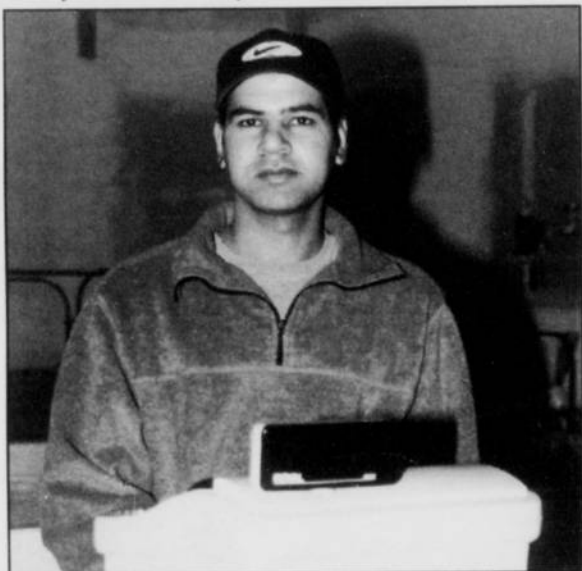
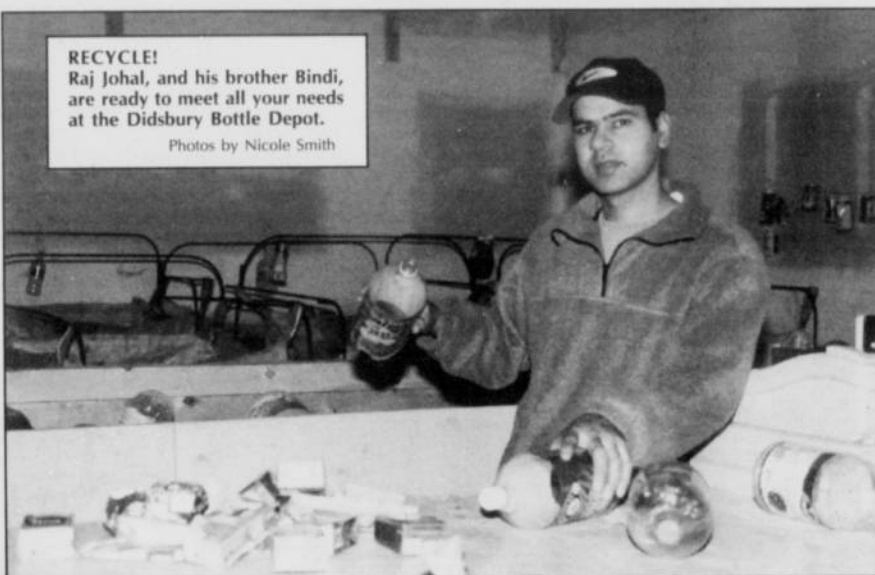
This includes containers one litre or less, which are worth five cents each; beer cans and bottles, which are worth ten cents each; and containers over one litre, which are worth 20 cents each.

Some of the types of contain-

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Raj Johal, and his brother Bindi, are ready to meet all your needs at the Didsbury Bottle Depot.

Photos by Nicole Smith



ers that Johal collects include: water bottles, fruit drinks, import beer, wine and cooler bottles, soft drinks and liquor bottles.

In addition to the usual services of the depot, the Johals will be offering a new service. For collections over \$40, the brothers will come to your house and pick them up for no charge.

"We can pick the bottles up at their homes. People can also bring the bottles in and we can

help sort them out or they can sort them themselves if they want to," he said.

Johal reminds Didsburians to leave the bag in the box on certain products, leave the label on the container, that the container must have held a beverage and that the container must have been purchased in Alberta.

Johal says that he and his brother really enjoy the business that they are in.

"I like it," he said. "I've been

doing it for seven years and so far, I like it."

Johal also likes Didsbury.

"I like the people in Didsbury. They're very nice and they like to welcome you," he said.

"They are all positive people we have met."

The bottle depot, located next to the Lions Recycling Centre, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. The Johals can be reached by calling 335-4672.

Canadian Wheat Board Bulletin

At a glance

Farmers growing Canada Western Amber Durum (CWAD) wheat were invited to Lethbridge on Tuesday, February 8 for a Customer Connection meeting. The meeting at the Lethbridge Lodge (8:30 a.m.) was a one-day info session on the agronomics and marketing of durum wheat. For more information, call Area rep Vic Schapansky at 403-381-8837.

The Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI) will be hosting the 3rd 'Combine to Customer' course this week. The course is designed to give farmer-participants an appreciation for the end-use requirements of Prairie-grown wheat and barely.

CEO Greg Arason will be speaking at the National Grain Trade Council Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona February 10. His speech is titled: The CWB: In Farmers' Hands.

Directors Art Macklin, Ross Keith and V-P of Corporate Policy Tami Reynolds will attend the National Association of Wheat Growers wheat in-

dustry conference and exposition in Las Vegas, Nevada February 9-12.

Directors Ian McCreary, John Clair and Larry Hill will attend a symposium on "Globalization and New Agricultural Trade Rules in the 21st Century" in Saskatoon, SK, February 12-14.

From elevator to port

Rail car unloads for all grains for week 27 (week ending February 6) were 3,278 at Vancouver (target: 3,100) and 1,421 at prince Rupert (target: 1,200). Rail car unloads at Thunder Bay totalled 92 cars (target: 100).

Primary elevator space (for weeks 27) was 19 percent, compared to 21 percent the week before.

Manitoba elevators averaged 18 percent space, Saskatchewan elevators averaged 21 percent space and Alberta elevators averaged 19 percent space.

FOB Forward

Marketing representatives from the CWB are in Algiers attending an international wheat symposium. The sym-

posium is organized by the L'Office Algerien Interprofessionnel des Cereales (OAI), the government import agency. Marketing manager Jean-Benoit Gauthier is speaking to the symposium about the Canadian grain marketing system and Canadian durum wheat.

Potpourri

Prince Rupert Grain Ltd. continues to break performance records since resuming full operations in October 1999, following a period of reduced activity.

In the last three months of 1999, nearly 1.3 million tonnes of grain were handled at PRG, an increase of nearly 700 000 tonnes over the same period in 1998.

This pace has continued into 2000, with a number of performance records being set. Most notable was the rail car unload record set for a single shift, broken on January 10.

A total of 148 rail cars were unloaded breaking the previous record of 146 set on November 27, 1999. The old record was 135 rail cars.

Year-round access for cattle imports

The Federal Government has published proposed amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations that will recognize zones of animal health equivalency in other countries. This moves Canada a step closer to allowing year-round access of cattle imports from certain zones in the United States and help ease trade tensions with the U.S., our largest market for Canadian cattle and beef.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) President Ben Thorlakson says,

"The inability to move feeder cattle into Canada during the summer months has been a real sticky point with our American neighbours. There are a lot of Canadian feeders who are anxious to continue importing during the summer. It appears this won't be possible this year but we should get everything in place by early fall."

Thorlakson emphasizes that all precautions are being taken so that year-round access will not jeopardize the health status of the Canadian herd. He adds that recognizing zones of equivalent health status will keep Canada in line with WTO regulations.

The changes being pursued by the CCA fit with the philosophy of a North American-wide cattle industry and will help ease trade tensions between Canadian and U.S. producers.

Currently, under the Canadian Restricted Feeder Cattle Import Program (formerly the Northwest Project) the states of North Dakota, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Hawaii have equivalent health standards to those of Canada.

Olds Auction Market Report

for the week ending Feb. 8, 2000
Cattle 766 - Hogs 160

Butcher Cattle:

C1 Heiferettes 60 to 80; Feeder Cows 50 to 60;
Grain Fed and Exotic 57 to 62; Med. Flesh Cows 50 to 56;
Older Cows 45 to 50; Bologna Bulls 64 to 71;
Holstein Cows 45 to 54; Feeder Bulls 72 to 86

Replacement Cattle:

250-380 lb steers 150 to 183; heifers 140 to 166;
400 lb steers 146 to 179; heifers 135 to 154;
500 lb steers 130 to 163; heifers 125 to 147;
600 lb steers 117 to 146; heifers 120 to 137;
700 lb steers 110 to 130; heifers 114 to 123;
800 lb steers 106 to 121; heifers 104 to 116;
900 lb steers 100 to 114; heifers 98 to 110;
1000 lb steers 96 to 107; heifers 94 to 105;
Bred Cows 910 to 1360; Holstein Steers 600-1000 84 to 102

Dairy Barn:

Baby Bull Calves 150 to 330; Larger Bull Calves 340 to 540;
Baby Heifer Calves 140 to 310; Larger Heifer Calves 325 to 460

Hog Division:

Weiner Pigs 32 to 48; Small Feeders 50 to 69;
Sows & Gilts 85 to 155; Larger Feeders 70 to 100;
Boars 35 to 75

Sheep and Goats:

Ewes 85; Feeder Lambs 100;
Nannies 80; Billies 120

Feed:

Small Square Hay 140 to 3.85; Large Round Hay 22 to 39;
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Agri-news briefs

New resources available from Alberta Agriculture's multimedia library

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development's multimedia library system has added three new videos that are bound to generate a lot of interest around the province.

• **The Great Globalization Game** is the first new title. This video is designed to help viewers better understand international trade and multilateral negotiations. Produced prior to the opening of talks in Seattle, this 48-minute production is aimed at both agri-food stakeholders and consumers interested in learning more about the subject.

• **361-1 - Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (WHMIS) Video Primer** - is the second new video.

It delivers the message, don't fear hazardous products in the workplace; respect them. The tape shows the difference between supplier and workplace labels, how hazardous products can enter your body, what personal safety equipment is appropriate in what circumstance, and more. Find out how to find WHMIS information and how to use it. This 27 minute tape is an ideal tool for use as part of a group WHMIS training session.

• **The third new title, 397 VT - Organic Field and Vegetable Crop Production Parts 1 and 2** features a number of Alberta producers describing organic vegetable and grain production.

The video is produced by Dr. Michi Okuda, a former Alberta Agriculture regional entomologist. It is ideal for begin-

ning organic farmers and for training courses. It features interview segments with Alberta producers Steven Snider, Joe and Mary Slovak, Dwayne Smith, and others. The 63 minute video provides a good basis for understanding both organic production techniques and the philosophy associated with the organic movement.

These videos are available from all Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development district office video libraries and from the central multimedia library in Edmonton. For more information on resources available through Alberta Agriculture's video library, contact Ken Blackley, information officer, multimedia branch, Edmonton, (780) 422-3951, fax (780) 427-2861, or e-mail ken.blackley@agric.gov.ab.ca.



FUNDRAISING FUN

Local Pathfinders receive a \$500 donation from Lion Allan Gingrich for helping with a fundraiser at Didsbury Drugs a few weeks ago. Pathfinders: Danielle Adamchick, Laura Pochapsky, Jennifer Wilshusen, Samantha Keating, Nicole Adamchick, Catriona Richmond. Parent helper: Wilma Pochapsky. Leaders: Lori Adamchick, Shelley Wilshusen, Lorna Richmond. The girls are raising funds to participate in the Panterra Educational Sailing Tour and Camping Trip in July of this year.

Tories consult on agricultural issues

The federal Progressive Conservatives want ideas and opinions about the future of Canadian agriculture.

As part of its consultation process, which leads to a national policy conference later this year, the party will hold an open, public meeting - from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Alumni Centre at Olds College on Saturday, February 12.

A registration fee of \$10.00 covers lunch. For more information, call (403) 948-7774 in Airdrie.

The meeting is being hosted by the Wild Rose Progressive Conservative Association.

"This meeting provides an opportunity for everyone in our region to have a voice in the future of Canadian agriculture," says Margaret Hunziker, President of the Association.

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Statistics Canada immediately requires part-time interviewers primarily for personal field survey work and some telephone survey work in Didsbury and area.

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- Have a valid driver's license and use of a vehicle.
- Have a location within their home where telephone interviewing can be done in privacy.

Previous interviewing or canvassing experience, bookkeeping or accounting experience and basic familiarity with computers would be an asset.

The rate of pay is \$10.48 per hour plus 6% vacation pay and 4% statutory holiday pay. Please quote Competition # 00-05.

Fax your resume to the attention of Helen Caplap. Statistics Canada at 780-495-2793.

FIDP & AIDA REMINDER TO ALBERTA FARMERS

AGRICULTURE FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION (AFSC) AND AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA

You have until **February 29, 2000** to apply for 1998 assistance under the enhanced Farm Income Disaster Program (FIDP).

If you have already applied for 1998, you have until **February 29, 2000** to submit the supplementary information requested by AFSC. Otherwise, your application will be reprocessed without the additional information.

If you had a negative program margin in the 1998 claim year, you may also qualify for an **additional federal** Agricultural Income Disaster Assistance (AIDA) payment.

Both FIDP and AIDA payments are determined from your FIDP application.

To obtain an application, contact Agriculture Financial Services Corporation toll-free at:

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Canada



TransAlta and UtiliCorp ink deal on Alberta assets

TransAlta Corporation and UtiliCorp United Inc. announced on Feb. 7 they have reached an agreement on the sale of TransAlta's Alberta-based distribution and retail assets to UtiliCorp Canada Corp. The \$645 million Cdn transaction includes 90,000 kilometres of low-voltage distribution power lines which represents 50 percent of Alberta's distribution network system, and a 24-hour customer call centre in Calgary.

As part of the agreement, UtiliCorp will retain all of TransAlta's 650 distribution and retail employees and continue delivering service to about 350,000 customers in Alberta. The transaction is subject to regulatory approvals in Canada and the United States and is expected to close by the end of August 2000.

"We are pleased to have successfully negotiated such a positive agreement with UtiliCorp, a significant step forward in our growth strategy," says Steve Snyder, president and CEO, TransAlta Corporation. "We are optimistic the transaction will receive regulatory approval in a timely manner to help provide a smooth transition for employees and customers," he added.

"UtiliCorp is excited about the opportunity to grow our Canadian business with first-class assets and exceptional people," says Robert K. Green, president and CEO, UtiliCorp United. "We believe TransAlta's distribution and retail operations are an ideal fit with our own strategic focus of managing energy network operations around the world." Green also announced that the head office for UtiliCorp Canada, the central coordinating function for its ongoing growth and development initiatives, would be located in Calgary.

In mid-January, TransAlta announced a targeted focus to capitalize on its strengths as a low-cost operator of generation and transmission assets, and as a successful developer of gas-fired independent power projects. "We are targeting our resources to achieve double-digit earnings, growth, and thereby support the current strong dividend to shareholders," Snyder said.

TransAlta's decision to sell its Alberta distribution and retail assets and the recent \$625 million Cdn sale of its New Zealand business were noted as two critical steps the company was

taking to achieve its strategy. The New Zealand sale is expected to close by the end of March.

UtiliCorp is no stranger to the Canadian market having operated

in British Columbia for more than 12 years through its West Kootenay Power (WKP) subsidiary. The company has kept WKP's earnings in Canada, investing in

systems improvements and seeking other Canadian investments. "With this transaction, we are making a significant investment in the Alberta market. We are commit-

ted to ensuring that customers continue to receive the same safe and reliable electrical supply they have come to expect." Green added. UtiliCorp has another subsidiary, Aquila

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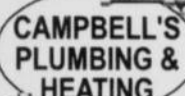
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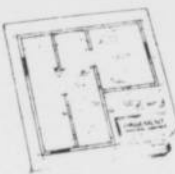
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Yet another hit for Theatre Didsbury opens

By Nicole Smith

Theatre Didsbury's new play, *The Senator Wore Pantyhose*, is bound to be a hit anywhere it plays.

It has all the elements you could ask for in a production: political and religious scandal, cross-dressing and criminal tendencies.

The play opened to a full house last Saturday evening at Westcott Hall and it obviously went over well, for side-splitting laughter and applause was to be heard for most of the three hours the cast was on stage.

The new production, written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, is an off-colour story that is set in small-town America.

"Honest" Gabby Sandalson, as played by Rick Phillips, is a middle-America senator in the running for president.

Along the campaign trail, he makes a stop at a seedy hotel and antique store, managed by Chauncy Quince, played by Jim Klys, hoping to garner votes from the somewhat dim-witted group

of local Americans.

Accompanying Sandalson on his journey is Tom Gordon (Tony Sylvestre), his campaign manager. Although Sandalson's attempts for publicity are honest, Gordon has other things in mind to raise awareness of this candidate.

Gordon shares his secret with hotel manager Quince, that he has asked the senator's wife Susan to dye her hair blonde so that the press will think Sandalson is having an affair, a truly American way of judging a presidential candidate's worthiness.

While Sandalson is oblivious to this scheme, he is aware that Gordon is trying to change his outward appearance to the public by having him darken his eyebrows, moussé his hair and don James Brown-ish apparel.

While this is going on, a few new guests arrive at the hotel, including escaped convict Paddy McMutton (Sean Sylvestre) and his old jailhouse buddy Tony Pinella (Darcy Connelly).

It seems that before



McMutton's arrest a few years ago, he hid a million dollars somewhere in the hotel but is having a hard time remembering where the stash is due to a case of amnesia. Pinella is in attendance to help McMutton find the money, part of which is deservedly his, in any way he can.

The humour in the story escalates with the arrival of the Reverend Johnny Burgermeister (Curt Engel) and his loyal wife Honey Pie (Lori Kemmere). Burgermeister, a well-known television evangelist, is in attendance because Gordon has promised him a part in Sandalson's campaign if he comes out to support the candidate.

Little does Gordon know that the Reverend is hoping to have quite a stake in the campaign so that he may sell his somewhat tainted religious views.

As all of the new guests are arriving, Sandalson is busy-ing himself with judging chilli cookoffs, riding on fire trucks

and kissing babies, namely that of Nellie, the local wayward girl, as played by Jackie Shields.

When Sandalson's wife Susan (Donnally McNeil) is late arriving, an absolute riot of ridiculous situations occur.

McMutton, the escaped criminal, couldn't be seen wearing his jailhouse uniform, so he dips into Honey Pie's vast wardrobe and selection of wigs and make-up.

Quince, the not-so-bright manager, mistakes him for the senator's wife, who supposedly dyed her hair blonde.

When McMutton doesn't work out playing the part of Sandalson's wife, Sandalson takes that role into his own hands. Donning a brassiere and his eyebrow make-up, Sandalson makes quite a stunning woman.

Meanwhile, Honey Pie realizes she was once in love with the owner of the inn, Quince. A lusty affair soon entails, while the Reverend Burgermeister is left to his adult movies and magazines.

All of this sin and sexual overload is eventually caught on tape by big-shot television reporter, Don "Scoop" Bother (James Edwards).

Upon Scoop's arrival, the group's hairbrain schemes become even hairier. More cross-dressing and adultery ensues.

Sandalson's wife eventually arrives, only to be "tied-up" by Gordon, as she is no longer needed to play the part of his wife.

In the end, everyone comes clean and Scoop gets his story ... or stories.

This play is a definite must see, with its off-handed remarks and off-colour jokes, those of which can only be expected of Theatre Didsbury.

Along with many old faces, this production has four newcomers, though you would never know it. The entire cast makes this play what it is.

This production of *The Senator Wore Pantyhose* will be playing in and around Didsbury for the next couple of months. Be sure to take a performance in.



Tradewinds blowing in for many NHL players

By Robert Magee

The All-Star break has come and gone. The players get the chance to enjoy each other skills, and now its back to the grind stone. Back to the gruelling second half of the season.

However it seems that the real question is not who's going to make the playoffs, rather who's going to be where when playoff time arrives.

Rumors were flying high last weekend and some say we may see even more trades than the first half of the season. Among those names mentioned:

Well front and center these

days is Keith Tkachuk of the Phoenix Coyotes. General Manager Bobby Smith is leaning to dump Tkachuk's 6 million salary for some young talent. Possible destinations could be Toronto, New Jersey, Detroit and of course New York Rangers. He'll most certainly be gone by mid-March. Fellow teammate Rick Tocchet is also on the blocks, however holdout goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin will not be dealt says GM. Smith. Ditto for Alexei Yashin. Colorado Avalanche nemesis Patrick Roy, could be made available come playoff time

as Marc Denis seems destined to takeover the number one job. Takers for Roy include Philadelphia and Los Angeles. I think he's most likely headed to the city of brotherly love, leaving John Vanbiesbrouck out in the cold. If Philly does acquire a goalie, and it's not Roy, then it will most certainly be Jeff Hackett of the Canadiens. Now that the Habs' Jose Theodore has emerged as a starter, Hackett may find himself in the unemployment line for a little while, although he's much too talented to stay there for long. While we are on the subject

of goalies, the ever-whiny Dominek Flusek is close to returning from injury and sources say that Sabres GM Darcy Regier is looking to deal him. L.A. seems to be the most likely place, but don't count on that really happening. Two of Montreal's top forwards, Shayne Corson and Trevor Linden could find themselves in different jerseys by seasons end. Corson, who is having a good year, would be quite attractive to a team who's looking to add scoring, leadership and grit for a decent price. Linden has been a disappointment since

he was dealt from Vancouver a few years ago. Is it possible that the Leafs and fan favourite Doug Gilmour will be reunited? Some people say yes, but I really doubt it. What I don't doubt is "killer" will be moved soon. Probably to the Big Apple. Go figure. And last, but certainly not least, is the latest rumblings of Mighty Ducks superstar Teemu Selanne going to New Jersey. That would spell the end of Disney's dynamic duo with Paul Kariya and the beginning of a more offensive Devil's team. Something I thought I'd never like to see.

Didsbury Inferno - on fire in Invermere tournament



ON FIRE

The Didsbury Inferno played some outstanding hockey last weekend and brought home gold from an Invermere tourney.

Didsbury's Bantam/Midget Female hockey team - Inferno - are on fire! Their season of hockey has been a rewarding and successful one to date, and they have added to the success and high, hot points of their season just this past weekend.

The Inferno travelled to Invermere to participate in an eight team Midget female hockey tournament February 11, 12, & 13. Teams from Airdrie, Calgary, Edmonton, Midnapore, and Windermere participated in the tournament (we thought that Windermere just should have come to Alberta, but it was too late once we were there!). The Inferno blazed their way to the tournament championship game and were branded the tournament champions!

The Inferno started their games Friday night and it appeared that the girls were ready to burn off some of the energy that they had saved during the four-hour journey to Invermere. They played Midnapore in this game and, even though they skated hard, the puck just wouldn't go in the net. It hit the post, it bounced over their sticks, and it hit the post again and at the end of the game they came up short by a score of 2-0. Their second game saw them win 6-5 against the Edmonton Broncos and their third game against Westwood Warriors was a 3-1

victory. The 2-1-0 record put the Inferno in the final against Windermere on Sunday at 2 pm. The Windermere/Inferno game was an impressive "A" final and the Inferno came out victorious 4-2.

The team really worked well together and 10 of the 15 skaters added to the 25 goals and assists tallied during the tournament: CariAnne Viney, Andrea Choquette and Lindsay Meston all recorded an assist, Lindsey Edwards and Jennifer Aarts added two assists each, Michelle Papineau added a goal, Christi Fillmore two goals, Christine Shirley Pieper two goals, one assist, and Ebony Roberts and Aimee Hunter each added four goals and two assists. Kim Pieper, Kim Aarts, Denise Papineau, Lindsay Viney, and Lindsay McEwen added to the all around great effort put on by the girls. Goalie Erica Blakely presented a totally impressive display of goaltending for the Inferno, allowing only 10 goals in 4 games.

Christine Shirley Pieper, Aimee Hunter, Erica Blakely were chosen as game stars in their four matches. Perry Roberts, Head Coach, Steve Fillmore, Ass't Coach, and Karen Pieper, Manager, were acknowledged by the team as being the best coaching squad there!

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Atom A Rock & Roll playing with spirit

The Rock & Roll have been playing spirited hockey lately. They played Three Hills back to back on Jan. 21 and Jan. 23. On the 21, the Rock & Roll played a complete game from one end to the other. With our usual rock solid goaltending from Kris Jackson, the Rock & Roll won 5-3. Back to Three Hills on the 23 for another game. This one saw the Rock & Roll play a pumped up Three Hills squad. The Rock & Roll were playing catch-up all game and in the end came away with a 4-4 tie.

Didsbury's next game was on Jan. 29. An Atom A-1 team

from Innisfail came to town for an exhibition game. Lots of end to end action, great goal tending and hard work by both teams. Innisfail won 3-2 with a late goal but the Rock & Roll are playing against Atom A-1 teams and are staying close and giving every team a good game.

Another exhibition game on Feb. 15 in Airdrie against the Airdrie A-1 team. The Rock & Roll team all played well and they needed that effort from everyone in order to be successful at this level. With a total team effort and great goaltending, the Rock & Roll

came out on top 9-6.

Feb. 6 saw Drumheller come to the Rock & Roll barn. The Rock & Roll jumped ahead 2-1 and were playing well against a big strong Drumheller team. Kris Jackson kept the Rock & Roll in the game early and Josh Robertson played another strong game, going hard both ways. The game ended in a 3-3 tie, thanks to the Drumheller goalie who was unbelievable. The referee in this one, Rhonda

Hunter, deserves a tip of the hat for her officiating. Well done!

Our next game is in Banff against Canmore so we'll be reporting from the Hot Springs.

The Rock & Roll team want to say a huge thank you to Lee & Wilma Pochapsky for their generous donation towards the team coats the boys are wearing, the Rock & Rollers and coaches look really sharp!



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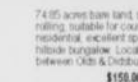
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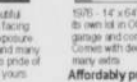
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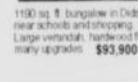
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Saturday, February 12 the Colts hosted Lacombe in what was possibly the lowest penalty game in the history of Junior "B" hockey. The Colts had only 2 penalties in this game proving that they can be the most disciplined hockey team in the league. Lacombe netted three unanswered goals in the first period. Second period action the Colts put two on the score board. One by Montgomery assisted by Pieper and Neven and the second goal by Neven assisted by Neven and Pappas. Fifteen seconds into the third, McGinn scored on a power play assisted by Miller and Pieper. This changed the momentum of the game sending the Colts onto the ice in a do or die situation. The Colts dominated this period scoring twice more by Swanson assisted by Lesyk and VanDam and the second by Pieper assisted by McGinn and Montgomery. Lacombe scored late in the third, but the Colts hung on to win this game 5-4. Justin Pross played well between the pipes.

Sunday, February 13th Cochrane came to town in what would be edge of the seat action as both teams tried to grab a play off spot. The Colts dominated the play from start to finish with their hard hitting, get-out-of-my-face style

of hockey. First period it was the Colts who managed to put three in to the opposition net. Swanson scored twice assisted by Spreeman and Haffner. Third goal was by Neven assisted by Miller and Montgomery. The Generals scored only once this period. Second period the Colts scored once by Neven assisted by Montgomery and McGinn. Score after two periods 4-2 in favor of the Colts. Third period action the tired and battered Colts team returned to

ice determined to chalk up another win. Cochrane scored twice to even out the score. Neven scored his hat trick unassisted and then Lesyk scored on an empty net to give the Colts the win of 6-4. Ryan Taks was the netminder this game.

Last league game of the year will be on Saturday, February 19 at 8:00 p.m. in Didsbury against Red Deer. Come out to the support your Junior "B" Hockey club and see hockey at its best.

Rottweilers make provincial play-offs

On Saturday at home the boys played an aggressive High River team.

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The line of Nathan Crosby, Kelly Kohut and Cordell Wilshusen was awesome and it seemed to give us a lift. Matt's line with James Whalen and Jeff Choquette were not to be outdone and also kept pressure on High River.

The defence led by Tim Phillips and Travis McT shut High River's offence down with Colby Willibrand's aggressive style, Steve McNeil and Jay Keating keeping the puck in their zone and Grant Jensen playing one of his best games in net we won 7-3.

Goal scorers were Cordell, Nathan, Kelly and Matt with assists going to Cordell, Kelly and Matt.

Congratulations on making the play-offs.

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by Marge St. Clair

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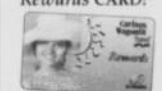
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Katherine Dunlop and
John Whittaker



on December 23, 1999 in
Keswick, England and their
forthcoming marriage in
Didsbury on July 29, 2000.

OBITUARIES



HARRISON: Allen Harrison was born Jan. 9, 1924 in Airdrie, Alberta to Albert Harrison and Blanche Lyons Harrison. During his early years his family farmed in Alberta and owned a gas station in Calgary. He had a brother John and a sister Hope. As a young adult he was a labourer and tried his hand at farming again. In 1945, Al emigrated with his mother and brother to Four Lakes, Washington. In 1948, while driving bus, he met a passenger Inez Bean, who became his wife of 37 years until her passing. He immediately took on the responsibility of helping his wife to raise her three children. Their union

was blessed with four sons who were raised in Spokane, Washington. He worked for 40 years as an excavator and a heavy equipment operator. Shortly after the passing of his wife in 1985, Al returned to Canada to retire. He became reacquainted with many friends from his early years and spent the remainder of his life with his companion Inez Banting. Al was an intelligent, hardworking man with many talents. He was devoted to his family and many friends. His passing leaves a void in the lives of everyone he knew. Al was preceded in death by his parents and brother; his wife; two sons Richard and Randal Vanderhoof; and his stepfather, Jim Cranston. He is survived by his sister Hope Koch of Calgary; his four sons and their families; Rod Harrison; Rob Harrison; Rick and Kathy Harrison; and Rawley and Helen Harrison, all of Spokane, Washington; his daughter and her family Nikki and Jack Tomson of Tracy, California; ten grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Allen passed away peacefully on Feb. 9, 2000 in Didsbury. He was laid to rest in Spokane, Washington. A memorial service was held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury on Feb. 11.

CORNFORTH: Dave Cornforth, beloved husband of Dorothy, lost his courageous battle with cancer at home and was peacefully given back to God on Thursday, February 10, 2000. Besides his loving wife, Dorothy, Dave is survived by his children: Terry (Shirley); Jerry (Bonnie); Marie (Allen); Fred (Christine); Billy Joe (Sharon); Juanita; David (Barb); along with 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild, as well as his brothers and sisters; Jean, Clara, Lavina, Elaine, Loreen, Ben, Cathy and Del. Dave was predeceased by parents Joseph and Katherine; son, Randy; brothers, Joe, Sydney, Ivan and sister, Ruby. He was a loving and caring person and we will all miss him dearly. A Memorial Service was held at the Cremona Community Hall, Cremona, AB, on February 14, 2000. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Dave's memory directly to the Canadian Cancer Society, 2nd Floor, 215-12 Ave, SE, Calgary, AB, T2G 1A7. Personal Alternatives Funeral Services entrusted with arrangements.

LYNCH-STANTON: Harriet E (nee Stewart) passed away at the Didsbury Hospital on Feb. 8, 2000 at the age of 94 years. Harriet was the wife of the late Hardwick Lynch-Stanton and was a long-time resident of Didsbury. Harriet graduated from the University of Alberta and taught school in Calgary and then in Didsbury during her married life. She was a very active member of the Anglican Church through which she had many special friends. Harriet was a great and elegant lady who was interested in everyone's life. She always took the time to listen. Harriet is survived by her sister-in-law, Pamela McLean (Stuart); nieces Frances Hoiden (Tim); Kim Funk; nephews Rod Stewart, Jon McLean (Brenda); step-nieces Dawn Hicks (Al), Rawn Sexsmith (Tim); as well as numerous great/great-great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many cousins and relatives from the Lynch-Stanton family. Harriet will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Friends are relatives attended funeral services at St. Cyprians Anglican Church on Feb. 12, 2000, with Reverend John Orman officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Cyprians Anglican Church Memorial Fund (Box 1635, Didsbury) or the CNIB in Harriet's name. Mountain View Funeral Chapels, Didsbury, entrusted with arrangements.

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at 2nd Floor, 2012 - 20th St.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

DIDSBURY

Gospel Services

Gospel services will be held Sundays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Mountain View Community Hall. Everyone welcome. Info at 335-4423.

Nutrition Workshop

Toddler Nutrition Workshop is scheduled for Feb. 23 in the Education Room of the Didsbury Hospital. To register call Public Health Nursing at 335-7292.

Dinner Theatre

Didsbury Figure Skating Club's 11th annual Dinner Theatre will be March 31. Tickets are \$20. Call Sharon Dietrich 335-9775 or Linda Pothier 335-9931.

DIDSBURY

Home Help Services

Didsbury and District Home Help Services Association looking for volunteer help with transportation, visiting, errands, light home maintenance. Please call 507-9063.

Potluck Dinner

The 5-0 Club will host a Potluck Dinner on Feb. 16 at 12:30 p.m. Meat supplied.

Annual Ice Show

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club's Annual Ice Show "Music Through the Millennium" will be March 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Small admission charge.

DIDSBURY

General Meeting

Kidding Around Parents Club General Meeting will be held Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Anglican Church. Phone 335-4446 for more information on the meeting.

OLDS

Slide Show

On Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. a Trekking in Nepal slide show will be shown at the Flames Restaurant in Olds. Coffee, dessert and slide show only \$5/ person. Space available for May 2000 trek. Call Dino Siemens at 337-2084.

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CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

HALL WALKING

Adults are invited to walk in the Westglen School corridors from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday for fun and fitness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Kirsten 335-3370.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info, call Wes at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: As of July 1, open Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 335-5868.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays) Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-9928.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Marge Stockler at 335-4281

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

DIDSBURY

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info, call 335-9295 during office hours.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

PLAYGROUP

A non-profit, parent run, social and educational program for children 3-5 years is now accepting on-going registrations. Drop-off rates available. Call 335-8039 or 335-8818.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

DIDSBURY

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in education room (lower level) at Didsbury Hospital.

CREMONA

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Sunday. For more info call 337-2331

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

A.D.D. SUPPORT

Learning Disabilities Association. Support, information, workshops, seminars, resource materials, films and tapes. Meets last Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. in Room 116 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. Contact Sam at 556-7614 eves. or Susan 335-3174

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

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